

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

To: Physicians and Health Service Directors, Central Zone

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Subject: **Updated Reintroduction of Some Diagnostic Services Effective June 7, 2021**

Effective June 7, 2021, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (PLM) in Central Zone is reintroducing the following services that were suspended in April 2021 as a result of the 3rd wave surge in COVID-19 testing.

- Routine blood collection
- Antibody titre testing
- Cold agglutinin testing
- Thermal amplitude testing
- Routine frequency for HLA antibody testing

The following services will continue to be suspended/delayed for an additional two weeks and then reassessed.

- Male fertility testing
- RBC Folate
- Fecal Occult Blood
- Routine Urinalysis* (exception below)
- Delay in non-urgent molecular testing reporting
- Delay in reporting of routine Pap smears

*Exception: if urinalysis is required for immediate diagnosis and management please indicate on the requisition form "DO NOT CANCEL urinalysis"

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation. **If there are circumstances that you believe require any of the above specimens to be processed please contact the Technical Manager or Division Head for the respective discipline.**