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# Memo

**To:** All Infectious Disease Specimen Submitters

**From:** William A. Glover II, PhD, D(ABMM), MT(ASCP), Public Health Laboratory Assistant  
Director, Infectious Diseases

**Date:** January 19, 2022

**Re:** Pre-approval for CDC Infectious Disease Diagnostic Testing

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is changing its specimen submission criteria for infectious disease CLIA diagnostic testing as part of a quality improvement initiative. These changes affect several assays and the CDC [Test Directory](#) is undergoing a substantial update. **Effective immediately** and until further notice, **pre-approval by the CDC Infectious Diseases Laboratory point of contact (POC) listed in the CDC [Test Directory](#) is required**, prior to sample submission. This is to ensure submission criteria changes are communicated for the specific test being requested.

For NC facilities initiating pre-approval for infectious disease diagnostic testing at CDC, please copy [slph.cdc@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:slph.cdc@dhhs.nc.gov) when contacting the CDC Infectious Diseases Laboratory POC to ensure the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) also receives the pre-approval notification. After pre-approval is received from CDC, all other submission steps remain the same including completion of the [CDC 50.34 DASH Form](#) and [routing through NCSLPH](#) for shipment to CDC.

For general questions for CDC, please contact the Infectious Diseases Specimen Submission (IDSS) Help Desk at [CDC\\_ID\\_lab\\_info@cdc.gov](mailto:CDC_ID_lab_info@cdc.gov). Questions regarding a specific test should be addressed to the CDC POC listed in CDC [Test Directory](#) for that specific test.

For general questions about specimen submission to the NCSLPH for forwarding to CDC please contact 919-733-3937 or [slph.cdc@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:slph.cdc@dhhs.nc.gov).

Thank you for your patience during this CDC quality improvement initiative. Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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