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To: All Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc. (RML) Clients

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Subject: National STI collection devices shortages

Due to ongoing national shortages of testing supplies due to the COVID pandemic, the following collection supplies for sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing are currently unavailable:

**APTIMA Urine Transport Tube
APTIMA Unisex Swab Collection kit**

The vendor has indicated that APTIMA Urine Transport Tubes are expected to be available for shipment the week of 09/03/2020.

APTIMA Multitest Swabs are still available, and can be used for all STI swab testing. This is the recommended alternative for the APTIMA Unisex Swab Collection kit until supplies are replenished.

These shortages will affect collection for the following tests:

TEST NAME	TEST MNEMONIC	TEST NUMBER
Chlamydia trachomatis Urine - TMA	CT Urine	6910111
Neisseria gonorrhoeae Urine - TMA	GC Urine	6910117
Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae Urine - TMA	CT/GC Urine	6910129
Trichomonas Urine - TMA	Trich Urine	6910123
For the tests below, the APTIMA Multitest Swab is still available		
Chlamydia trachomatis Swab - TMA	CT Swab	6910109
Neisseria gonorrhoeae Swab - TMA	GC Swab	6910115
Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae Swab - TMA	CT/GC Swab	6910127
Trichomonas Swab - TMA	Trich Swab	6910121

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