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ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS



Specimen Receipt Temperatures Update

- As previously announced, the BCL began taking temperatures of clinical specimens received for testing.
- As you were also notified, beginning today, February 6, 2023, both the Prattville and Mobile laboratories will not test specimens that arrive outside the allowed temperature range for the requested test method(s). These specimens will be reported as unsatisfactory.
- A new document, *Shipping Guidance for Category B Specimens*, is now available to assist county health departments and private providers in packing and shipping Category B specimens to comply with the recently updated *BCL Analyte List*. Both documents are available on our website at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcl.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please see Technical Bulletins XXXIII Issue 1, and XXXIII Issue 2 both released earlier this year or contact the Quality Management Division at 334-290-3115.

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