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Syphilis Testing Method Change

- Due to technical difficulties, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (BCL) will transition from the automated multiplex Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) test to the manual RPR test on Thursday, January 20, 2022. The BCL will use the manual RPR test method until further notice.
- The test method change will be noted on the final report as **RPR**.
- The manual RPR method may increase the wait time for results, but the laboratory report shall be issued within the seven-day turnaround time.
- Specimen collection, storage, and shipping requirements **will not be affected by this change**.

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