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ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS



Aliquoting Serum and Plasma

- Starting April 10, 2023, whole blood samples submitted for testing when serum or plasma is the expected sample type will be marked unsatisfactory and not tested.
 - Until this time, BCL staff will work with providers to help ensure specimens arrive at the laboratory within requirements.
- To obtain serum or plasma, whole blood samples must be collected in the correct tube, centrifuged, and serum or plasma aliquoted into a transfer tube before transport to the BCL.
- With this new policy, the *BCL Analyte List* has been revised (3/2023) and will appear on the BCL website today. Providers can always find the most recent revision at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/BCL.

For questions regarding this bulletin,
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