



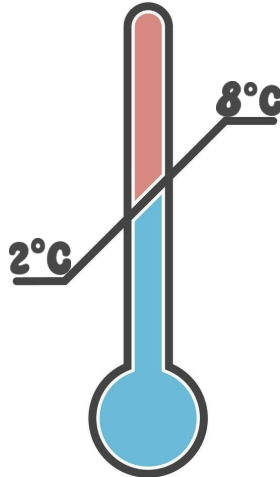
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ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS



Update to HIV Viral Load Specimens

- Starting Monday, July 15, 2024, HIV Viral Load specimens submitted to the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (BCL) must fall within the updated temperature range of **2-8°C** and must be **received within 6 days of collection**.
- Received HIV viral load specimens that do not meet the above-stated criteria will not be tested but reported as "Unsatisfactory".
- BCL staff will work with providers as necessary to help ensure specimens arrive at the laboratory within requirements.
- Providers can find the most recent revisions of the *BCL Analyte List* and *Requisition Form for Laboratory Testing* at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/BCL.

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