



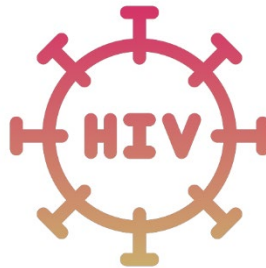
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INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR HIV TESTING AT ALABAMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS



- As previously reported, the BCL temporarily suspended HIV screening and confirmation testing on Friday, 4/10/2026, due to an issue with our HIV test kit manufacturer, Bio-Rad, which does not anticipate having new kits available for release for several weeks. Until the BCL can resume testing, County Health Departments should use Labcorp to perform this HIV test. The test should be ordered using CureMD:
 - Test order #083935—HIV Ab/p24 Ag with reflex
 - Select "Client Account Bill"
- HIV screening specimens should be:
 - Collected in a serum-separator tube (SST) and centrifuged. **DO NOT** pour off the serum into a transfer tube.
 - After centrifugation, tubes should be kept refrigerated until pickup.
 - To package, place each tube in a separate specimen bag and label the bags with the word "refrigerated".
 - For pickup, ensure ice packs are placed with the specimen bags into the Labcorp lockbox or at the pickup location.
- Clinics may need to contact Labcorp to schedule additional pickup days due to these HIV specimens. Additional pickups can be scheduled using www.LabcorpLink.com or by calling customer service at 1-800-788-9738.
- HIV viral load testing at the BCL is not affected. These specimens should be sent to the BCL as usual.

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