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Dear Physician,

Due to the current pandemic, we will be reallocating some of our human resources from Genetics to Microbiology to help with COVID-19 testing. During this time, effective April 20, 2020, we will operate with reduced personnel for routine Molecular Genetic testing. As a result, the following assays will have extended turnaround times: Hemochromatosis, Fragile X, predictive Huntington disease, Amyloidosis, Hereditary Cancer and Hemophilia testing. If you wish to send an urgent sample for any of these tests, we request that you please contact our laboratory at 613 549 6666 X4892. We will do our best to offer urgent molecular genetics testing on an as needed basis.

Other tests, including all Cytogenetics assays, Long QT testing, solid tumour testing and all molecular assays for hematologic malignancies will continue as usual.

We will reassess our capacity and patient care needs on an ongoing basis, and will issue an updated statement as required.

Thank you for your patience while we ensure our resources are used to maximum effect in order to keep our community healthy and safe.

Sincerely,



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