



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH


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TO: Submitters requesting Schistosoma, Strongyloides, and Legionella antibody testing  
And Local Health Departments

THRU: Robert A. Myers, PhD   
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FROM: Yvette Washington  
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RE: Discontinuation of Schistosoma, Strongyloides, and Legionella antibody testing

Effective April 25, 2022, the Maryland Department of Health, Laboratories Administration will discontinue Schistosoma, Strongyloides, and Legionella serological antibody testing. Although, these assays will be discontinued, we will continue to ship Strongyloides and Schistosoma antibody requests to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for analysis and continue to offer Legionella urine antigen and Legionella clinical culture analysis.

For additional information regarding Schistosoma and Strongyloides testing, please refer to the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/dpdx/diagnosticprocedures/serum/submission.html>. According to current CDC specimen submission requirements, the specimen must be stored at 2-8°C for up to 7 days after collection or stored frozen (-20°C or lower) for up to 8 weeks prior to shipment.

For additional information regarding Legionella antibody testing, please refer to the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/legionella/clinicians/diagnostic-testing/html>.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 443-681-3931. Thank you.

cc: Dr. David Blythe  
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