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TO: Submitters requesting Leptospira Culture testing
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RE: Discontinuation of the Leptospira culture assay

Effective October 1, 2019, the Maryland Department of Health, Laboratories Administration will discontinue isolation of Leptospira by culture due to infrequent requests for this testing service. Although this assay is being discontinued, we will continue to offer Leptospira IgM serological testing.

For additional information regarding Leptospira testing, please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/leptospirosis/index.html>.

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

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