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Request to use in-state labs for COVID-19 testing to avoid delays



Summary

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recently became aware of significant delays in obtaining COVID-19 test results from some large commercial labs. Obtaining test results quickly is critical for informing contact tracing efforts and containing the spread of the virus.

Providers are strongly encouraged to use in-state labs for COVID-19 testing in order to shorten the turn-around time for test results.

Action requested

In most cases, in-state laboratories can process specimens and return results more rapidly than out-of-state labs. Providers should consider identifying multiple laboratory testing options so that COVID-19 specimens can be redirected to other labs in the state when necessary to ensure rapid results for patients.

Below is a list of Washington-based labs that have confirmed to DOH their willingness to provide molecular COVID-19 testing to hospitals and clinics. Providers can reach out to these labs to discuss testing arrangements.

lab name	address	city	contact	email	phone
Northwest Pathology & Northwest Laboratory	3614 Meridian St Ste 100	Bellingham	Jenny Bull	jennifer.bull@northwestpathology.com	360.734.2800
Molecular Testing Labs	14401 SE 1st St	Vancouver	Adam Blackwell	adam@moleculartestinglabs.com	360.693.8850
UW Lab Medicine Virology (UW) MOLECULAR	1616 Eastlake Ave E Ste 320	Seattle	Alex Greninger	agrening@uw.edu (gregor@uw.edu)	206.685.6656

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Atlas Genomics LLC	2296 W Commodore Way Ste 220	Seattle	Kyndra Capell	kyndracapell@atlas-genomics.com	888.618.6107
Altius Institute for Biomedical Sciences	2211 Elliott Avenue, Suite 410	Seattle	Matthew E Hartman	mehartma@altius.org = director but jstam@altius.org is contact	206.267.1091
Molecular Epidemiology Inc	15300 Bothell Way NE	Lake Forest Park	Hemantha Kulasekara	hemantha.kulasekara@iehinc.com	206.522.5432
Fida Labs	2296 W Commodore Way Ste 220	Seattle	Quinne Feng, Ph.D	quinne.feng@fidalabus.com	206.708.4221
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