

MEMO

DATE: 10/14/2020

TO: All SHA Clinicians, Physicians and Care Providers

FROM: Provincial Microbiology Division – Laboratory Medicine

RE: GeneXpert COVID-19 Update – Transition to Local Oversight Model

As of **October 15th 2020**, there will be a transition to a local oversight model in order to provide increased access to GeneXpert testing across the province.

With this transition, please note the following changes:

- The current GeneXpert algorithm will **no longer** be in effect.
- Instructions to access rapid GeneXpert testing:
 - Ordering provider must complete the COVID-19 Pandemic Requisition and include indication for Point of Care (Rapid GeneXpert) testing request.
 - Patient should be symptomatic and meet one of the current STAT testing indications:
 - ◆ ICU or other Inpatient
 - ◆ Long Term Care or Personal Care Home resident
 - ◆ Healthcare worker
 - ◆ School Staff or Student
 - ◆ Outbreak or MHO request
- Local clinical and public health representatives from each GeneXpert site will receive a weekly list of GeneXpert use inclusive of site, ordering physician and test indication.
- These site leads will monitor GeneXpert testing in their area in comparison to other jurisdictions in the province and encourage increased/decreased GeneXpert testing at their site to achieve approximate parity in practice.
- Local site leads may decide to implement a requirement for pre-approval of GeneXpert testing or approve of testing outside of symptomatic STAT cases. In this case, direction will come from your local representative.
- Requests for changes to test kit volume allocation will be reviewed and approved by the group of site leads.

NOTE:

The total provincial allocation of GeneXpert tests is 300 per week. This supply does not enable testing of all individuals with appropriate indications for STAT testing. Please use discretion to request rapid testing only when the improved turnaround time will have a direct impact on patient care or public health interventions

Thank you for your attention to this change. Should questions arise please contact:

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SASKATCHEWAN LABORATORIES WITH GENEXPERT TESTING AVAILABLE

(updated October 7, 2020)

North:	South:	Urban:	Non SHA locations: (kit allocation not from SHA)
Prince Albert 306-765-6146	Moose Jaw 306-694-0344	Saskatoon(RUH) 30-655-1790	Hatchet Lake 306-633-2167
North Battleford 306-446-6680	Yorkton 306-786-0440	Regina (RGH) 306-766-4481	Stoney Rapids 306-439-2635
Meadow Lake 306-236-1510	Swift Current 306-778-9570		English River 306-396-2072
Tisdale 306-873-3628	Weyburn 306 842 8468		Pelican Narrows 306-632-2046
Ile a la Crosse 306-833-3380	Moosomin 306-435-6276		Buffalo River* 306-282-2011
La Loche 306-822-3225	Kindersley 306-463-1000 ext 2510		Ahtahkakoop Crée Nation* 306- 468-2747
La Ronge 306-425-2422	Fort Qu'Appelle 306-332-3627		Stanley Mission* 306- 635-2090
Lloydminster 306-820-6066			STC- Mistawasis* 306- 466-4720
Onion Lake 306-344-2330 ext 223			Southend* 306-758-2079
			Cumberland House* 306-888-2212
			Deschambault* 306-632-2106

*GeneXperts are not currently operational, training and validation in progress