



## CORONAVIRUS LABORATORY TEST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### Type of Message: Guidance

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**Public Health Message Type:**  Alert  Advisory  Update  Information

**Intended Audience:**  All public health partners  Healthcare providers  Infection preventionists  
 Local health departments  Schools/child care centers  ACOs  
 Animal health professionals  Other: Clinical laboratories

#### Key Points or Updates:

- (1) Timely and complete reporting of SARS-CoV2 test results is critical for public health response needed to prevent further disease transmission.
- (2) N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.7 contains the information clinical laboratory directors are required to report via electronic laboratory reporting. This includes:
  - a. Name, age, date of birth, gender, race, ethnicity, home address and telephone number of the person tested;
  - b. Test performed, source or type of specimen tested, date the specimen was collected, date of testing, and test results; and
  - c. Health care provider's name, address, and telephone number
- (3) A significant number of lab test reports received by NJDOH are missing patient and healthcare provider contact information, which is preventing timely public health response.

#### Action Items:

- (1) Healthcare providers ordering testing for COVID-19 and clinical laboratories providing OR sending specimens to reference laboratories for testing should ensure that complete patient demographics (including contact information) and contact information for the ordering provider (address and phone number) is sent as part of reference laboratory test orders (requisition forms).
- (2) Laboratories should continue to report positive and negative lab test results electronically and ensure that complete contact information is provided (electronically) within 24 hours of the date of test result.
- (3) Reference labs who participate in automated ELR should include all required information, including patient demographics and contact information for patients and providers in their ELR transmissions.

#### Contact Information:

- NJDOH Communicable Disease Service (609) 826-5964
- CDRSS ELR Team: [NJELR.ADMIN@doh.nj.gov](mailto:NJELR.ADMIN@doh.nj.gov)

#### References and Resources:

- N.J.A.C. 8:57 Communicable Diseases
- To receive NJDOH emails through LINC: <http://njlincs.net/default.aspx> and "Request New Account"