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### **Technical Bulletin**

Date: April 5, 2022

Topic: BioPlex 2200 Syphilis Total & RPR Test Kit Recall

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To: Health Care Providers, Medical Facilities, and Correctional Facilities

#### Situation:

On February 8, 2022, BioRad issued a voluntary recall for the rapid plasma reagin (RPR) portion of the BioPlex 2200 Syphilis Total & RPR Test Kit due to current concerns related to COVID-19 vaccine interference and false reactive RPR results, as well as intermittent manufacturing challenges to produce the RPR reagents that consistently meet stability specifications. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) classified this as a Class 2 Device Recall on March 16, 2022. BioRad Laboratories, Inc. has disabled the RPR portion of the Syphilis Total and RPR panels until further notice. Customers are instructed to:

- 1. Dispose of the reagents according to local waste management procedures.
- 2. If they have further distributed or transferred the product to other customers, or labs from their site, notify those customers of this field action.
- 3. Complete a customer response form and email or fax it to local Bio-Rad Technical Support. (techsupport.ussd@bio-rad.com or 1-888-228-0688)

Individuals who need syphilis testing should continue to get tested and receive the full testing algorithm. Testing locations can be found at Nevada 2-1-1: https://www.nevada211.org/std-syphilis-testing/

#### Resources:

We encourage you to review this recall notice in detail:

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https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfRES/res.cfm?id=192210&ACSTrackingID=USCDC 2146-DM78416&ACSTrackingLabel=Lab%20Alert%3A%20FDA%20Recalls%20BioPlex%202200%20Syphilis%20Total%20%26%20RPR%20Test%20Kit&deliveryName=USCDC 2146-DM78416

#### Questions:

For updated guidance, please review the DPBH Technical Bulletin <u>website</u>. For questions about this technical bulletin, contact Elizabeth Kessler at (775) 447-4494 or <u>ekessler@health.nv.gov</u> or the Laboratory Outreach Communication System (LOCS) at <u>LOCS@CDC.gov</u>.

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