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## Technical Bulletin

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**Topic: Discontinuation of Reporting COVID-19 Negative Laboratory Results**

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**To: Laboratories, Hospitals, Health Care Providers, Public Health Authorities**

### Background

As COVID-19 trends continue to decrease across the nation, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is planning for the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. Although COVID-19 remains a public health priority, the emergency phase of the COVID-19 response will be ending.

### Impact on Laboratory Reporting in Nevada

As a result of ending the PHE declaration, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act authority for HHS to require laboratory result reporting will be revoked. In response, the COVID-19 laboratory result reporting requirement within Nevada will change. As of the end of the day on May 11, 2023, negative and inconclusive COVID-19 results will no longer be required to be reported regardless of the type of test performed. All positive COVID-19 results will continue to be reportable with the exception of self-administered at-home tests and serology testing. The table below outlines the updated reporting requirements, effective end of the day on May 11, 2023:

### **Overview of SARS CoV-2 Reporting Requirements by Certificate Type, Test Complexity, and Testing Platform (beginning May 12, 2023):**

Certificate Type	Authorized Laboratory Setting/Test Complexity	Test Platform	Positive Results	Negative and Inconclusive Results
CLIA Certificate of Waiver CLIA Certificate of Provider Performed Microscopy	Waived	Antigen	<b>Reportable</b>	Not Reportable
		Molecular (NAAT) (i.e., Abbott ID NOW, Cue Health)	<b>Reportable</b>	Not Reportable
		Serology (Antibody)	Not Reportable	Not Reportable
CLIA Certificate of Compliance CLIA Certificate of Accreditation	Waived, Moderate Complexity or High Complexity	Antigen	<b>Reportable</b>	Not Reportable
	Moderate Complexity or High Complexity	Molecular (NAAT)	<b>Reportable</b>	Not Reportable
	Waived	Molecular (NAAT) (i.e., Abbott ID NOW, Cue Health)	<b>Reportable</b>	Not Reportable
	Waived, Moderate Complexity, or High Complexity	Serology (Antibody)	Not Reportable	Not Reportable

**Questions:**

For updated guidance, review the [Division of Public and Behavioral Health Technical Bulletin web page](#) regularly.  
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