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To: **Reporting Laboratories**

North Dakota Health & Human Services, Disease Control From:

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COVID-19 Laboratory Result Reporting Re:

The national COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) will be ending on May 11, 2023. This also ends the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act authority, which required reporting of all COVID-19 clinical and laboratory tests regardless of result. After May 11, 2023, the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requests only positive COVID-19 tests to be reported. This includes all positive diagnostic nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT), antigen tests, or other diagnostic tests. In-home (e.g., self- collected) and antibody positive results should not be reported to HHS and will not be accepted.

Tests conducted under CLIA certification and those operating under a CLIA certificate of waiver (e.g., schools, correctional facilities, long-term care, pharmacies, pop-up testing sites, some provider offices) should continue to report positive results as described above to HHS. Reporting of negative or indeterminate results should be discontinued.

For more information about reporting laboratory results to HHS, please visit www.hhs.nd.gov/health/diseases-conditions-and-immunization/reportable-conditions or call 701-328-2378.