

DMCUL Update on HSV 1/2 PCR Assay Analysis

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Dear Health Care Providers:

DMCUL ceased analysis of HSV 1/2 PCR on 10/18/24 due to the discontinued production of test reagents by the vendor. We are actively working to implement a new in-house HSV 1/2 PCR test platform and we aim to have it available as soon as possible. In the interim, requests for HSV 1/2 PCR will be directed to a reference laboratory for analysis, which will cause a delay in the turn around time.

The following Specimen types are accepted by the Reference Lab for HSV1/2 PCR testing:

- **Skin Lesions:** SWAB in Universal Transport Medium (UTM).
- **Vaginal:** SWAB in Universal Transport Medium (UTM), or Viral Transport Medium (VTM).
- **Vaginal or Endocervical:** Aptima® Unisex or Aptima® Vaginal Swab Transport.
- **Whole Blood:** collected in ACD Yellow Tube.
- **Serum:** collected in Gold tube.
- **Plasma:** collected in Lavender tube.
- **CSF, and Amniotic Fluid:** collected in sterile container.

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