Labcorp LabAlert

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An Important Update from Laboratory Services

URGENT NOTICE: RAPID HIV TESTING IS OUT-OF-STOCK

On August 4, 2026, Abbott Diagnostics notified Labcorp at Legacy that their Determine HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab Combo test kit (i.e., Rapid HIV) is currently out-of-stock and is experiencing a temporary supply constraint due to raw materials that do not meet Abbott's quality specifications. There are no available alternative rapid point-of-care (POC) tests that detect both HIV-1 p24 antigen and HIV-1/2 antibodies (i.e., 4th generation HIV test). Abbott expects that shipments will resume at the earliest in late September, although timelines are subject to change. Labcorp at Legacy's in-house inventory will only last another 1-2 weeks.

The recommended alternative is the **HIV p24 Antigen/Antibody With Reflex to Confirmation** test (Labcorp Test Code #083935; HIV SCN DIFF LC), which will be sent to an alternate Labcorp facility. An unopened gold top tube is the only acceptable specimen. Lavendar EDTA tubes will be rejected. Additional specimen requirements are summarized in table 1.

NOTE: Although the recommended alternative is a reference test and not a rapid POC test, it provides identification of HIV infections with performance comparable to the currently unavailable Abbott test kit. Antibody only assays may miss some acute HIV infections.

Table 1: Specimen Requirements	
Alert	This test requires a dedicated, UNOPENED, serum tube sent directly to the testing facility.
Test Name	HIV p24 Antigen/Antibody With Reflex to Confirmation
Orderable	HIV DIFF
Alternate IDS	LC 083935; LAB3269
Specimen	Serum, one 5.0 mL gold top tube (SST)
Handling	Allow serum to clot completely at room temperature (minimum – SST: 30 minutes). Centrifuge and transfer **unopened** original tube. **Do NOT aliquot.**
Preferred Volume	2 mL serum
Minimum Volume (Pediatric Volume)	1 mL serum (*3.0 mL minimum whole blood draw*) • NOTE: This volume does NOT allow for repeat testing.
Transport	Send unopened SST tube refrigerated (2-8 °C). **Do NOT freeze.**
Rejection Criteria	• Any specimen other than serum (i.e., no lavender EDTA tubes) • Specimen aliquot • Frozen specimen • Grossly hemolyzed specimen
Stability	Refrigerated (2-8 °C): 7 days
Turn-Around Time	1-3 days
Includes	• HIV-1 and HIV-2 antibodies and HIV-1 p24 antigen screened by enzyme immunoassay (EIA). • Reactive (positive) results are reflexed to supplementary differentiation assay. • Screen positive with antibody typing are reflex to qualitative nucleic acid amplification (NAA).

*Labcorp is now the performing and billing laboratory for most Legacy Health lab testing. By combining Legacy Health's history of outstanding service with Labcorp's comprehensive test menu, lab medicine expertise and support capabilities, we are confident that we will build upon the outstanding tradition of delivering high-quality laboratory services to patients in the Portland & Southwest Washington communities.

For additional information, please contact your account representative, client services or consult the Lab Test Tables on our website.

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