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Memo To: Clients and Suppliers
Re: Revision - Shipping specimens from patients suspected or confirmed with 2019-nCoV

Yesterday, we wrote that specimens from patients suspected or confirmed with 2019-nCoV must be shipped as Category A specimens (including having a UN2814 label).

It has been brought to our attention that the CDC explicitly recommends these specimens to be Category B with a UN3373 label. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/lab-biosafety-guidelines.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Flab-biosafety-guidelines.html

In consideration of this information, at this time we concur that specimens should be shipped as Category B with a UN3373 label. That means you may ship in either of our boxes (large or small).

Since the number of cases is small, and we want to ensure adequate communication with the testing laboratory, we recommend that you contact us before shipping specimens from patients suspected or confirmed with 2019-nCoV and that you mark each affected specimen with "2019-nCoV."

We are very sorry for any confusion. As we come upon any new information, we will pass it along.

If you have further questions don't hesitate to contact Client Care at (416) 422-3000 Ext. 300 or info@iclabs.ca

Sincerely,

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