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To: All Clients of Laboratory Alliance

From: Russell Rawling, Microbiology Manager

Date: January 19, 2015

Subject: Reminder – New Specimen Collector for Pertussis Test (PERSD)

As a reminder, effective Monday, **January 26**, the Microbiology Department will be implementing a new molecular (PCR) assay for the detection of *Bordetella pertussis*. The assay requires a different specimen collector, liquid Amies (blue cap) as shown below. Collect nasopharyngeal specimens with blue cap swab and place in the white cap transport tube, discarding the white cap. If the current orange cap collector (Amies with charcoal) is received, the specimen will be sent out to one of our reference labs that is able to accept this collector.

Please contact our Client Services Department at 315-461-3008 to order the new collection device. Outreach clients may speak with their Laboratory Alliance Account Representative in order to have the collection device added to individual custom supply order forms as applicable.

Use this:
Blue Cap Mini-Tip with Liquid Amies

Not this:
Liquid Amies with Charcoal