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Memorandum

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FROM: Dr. Marek Smieja, Microbiology

RE: **After-Hours Rapid HIV testing from Saturday Dec. 12 to Tuesday Dec. 15**

DATE: Friday, December 11, 2015

Between **Saturday Dec. 12** and **Tuesday Dec. 15**, after-hours rapid HIV testing for women in labour will not be available through Transfusion Medicine. This is due to a shortage in positive control material for the test kits.

For overnight Saturday Dec. 12 11:00 pm–Tuesday Dec. 15 8:00 am, we have arranged for a **Virology Technologist to be on call via St. Joseph's Healthcare switchboard for a call back**. The Virology Technologist will perform the HIV test on the Abbott Architect.

We are planning on resuming after-hours HIV testing in Transfusion Medicine as of Tuesday evening, Dec 15, but will let you know if there are further delays.