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MEMORANDUM

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TO: MMID Network; obstetricians and paediatricians at HHS and SJH; paediatric and obstetrical residents at HHS and SJH; Labour and Delivery Units at HHS and SJH

CC: SJH/MUMC Core Laboratories, SJH Virology, HGH Microbiology, Laboratory Reference Centre

FROM: Dr. Marek Smieja, Discipline Director Microbiology HRLMP
Dr. Christine Lee, HRLMP

RE: NO AVAILABILITY OF VIROLOGY/MOLECULAR TESTING AFTER HOURS

We would like to clarify that there are NO after-hours call-backs or tests available in the Virology or Molecular Microbiology Laboratory. The laboratory is staffed until 9:00 pm during non-influenza season and until 11:00 pm during influenza season.

After hours rapid HIV-1 antibody testing for women in labour without previous prenatal care is performed in Transfusion Medicine.

As high-quality rapid point-of-care tests become increasingly available, we will be interested in working with you to identify areas in which such tests could impact clinical care. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any suggestions, questions or comments.

For our complete microbiology laboratory testing guide, please see our website:

<http://www.ltig.hrlmp.ca/>

Virology Laboratory, 905 521 2100, Ext. 46175, for hours of operation

SJH Transfusion Medicine, Ext. 33020

MUMC Transfusion Medicine, Ext. 76281