Date: February 24, 2020

To: Edward-Elmhurst Reference Laboratory Clients

Subject: **Herpes Simplex Virus Serology Testing- Update**

In an effort to provide up to date and more streamlined testing we will be performing Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) type specific serologic assays at Elmhurst laboratory. Effective March 3rd 2020, HSV Glycoprotein G1 IgG (HSV-1) and HSV Glycoprotein G2, IgG (HSV-2) will take the place of the previous send-out Herpes Simplex Virus serology testing performed at ARUP.

The previous testing panel included a combined Herpes Simplex Virus Type1 and/or Type2 IgM antibody, which is no longer recommended for testing as it lacks adequate predictive value for acute infection; PCR based assays performed on blood, fluid, or lesional swab samples are the recommended test diagnosis of acute infection.

Herpes simplex virus by PCR on fluid samples will still be available as a send-out test, while PCR on swabs of suspected lesions will still be available for in house testing.

EAP code: 4164905

EAP Name: HSV 1 and 2 – Specific AB, IgG

For more information or additional questions please contact Edward-Elmhurst Client Services at 630-527-3450 or 331-22-4422.