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Dear SJCHS Healthcare Providers,

Due to manufacturer discontinuing of reagents, the Laboratory will no longer offer testing for FDP effective 06/01/2019.

Due to changes in testing protocols; HCV results that are intermediate or reactive will be sent to the reference laboratory for PCR confirmation testing. If the HCV PCR is reactive the genotype will be added the specimen.

Please be aware that the specimen requirement for HIV has been changed to a full <u>3.0mL</u> lavender top tube. This tube cannot be shared with other tests.

The laboratories at St. Joseph's/Candler continually assess our testing volumes to find ways that we can optimize our testing menu in an effort to better serve you and your patients. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the laboratory at Candler 912-819-8440 option 3 or St. Joseph's at 912-819-2427.