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To: Providers submitting serum for Chlamydia serology testing

From: Linda Han, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Division of Microbiology

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RE: Chlamydia serology testing to be discontinued at the State Laboratory

Effective April 1, 2008, the MA Department of Public Health State Laboratory Institute will no longer be offering chlamydia serology testing in support of the diagnosis of lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV). The lab will, however, continue to provide *Chlamydia trachomatis* nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT) on rectal swab specimens collected from patients with suspected LGV proctitis.

The MA Division of STD Prevention (617-983-6940) will continue to be available for consultation in the diagnosis and management of suspected cases of LGV. If serologic confirmation of individual clinical cases is necessary, chlamydia serology testing can be ordered from most commercial diagnostic laboratories. Specimens can also be forwarded to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for testing as needed.