

Baystate Reference Laboratories

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Dear Physician,

Baystate Medical Center/Baystate Reference Laboratories is experiencing a surge in patient care needs related to the ongoing novel H1N1 influenza pandemic. Due to this surge some laboratory resources may be reallocated, for example, testing for “O&P” (ova and parasites in stool specimens), will be sent out to a reference laboratory rather than be performed in-house, which may increase the turn around time 1-2 days for results. Please note, this change is a temporary measure and we will evaluate bringing testing back in-house, as appropriate, as the surge in patient care needs related to the flu season subsides.

All efforts will be made to minimize inconvenience and any possible adverse impact on patient care related to such changes. We will keep you abreast of additional changes necessary during this ongoing situation.

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

Sincerely,

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