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DATE: May 27, 2020
TO: Clinical Laboratories
FROM: Dr. Simon P. Paul, Madera County Public Health Officer
RE: Standing Order to Expand COVID-19 Testing Accessibility

In response to the state of emergency regarding the outbreak of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, and in order to maintain the health and safety of the people of Madera County and limit the further spread of infection, as the Madera County Health Officer, I am issuing this Standing Order to expand COVID-19 testing accessibility within the County.

This Standing Order instructs clinical laboratories to accept assignments for COVID-19 diagnostic tests from individuals who (1) are determined to be in need of testing by the County Health Officer, and (2) whose specimens are collected under Optum Serve/Logistic's Health Inc. services, as contracted for by the State of California. The results of such tests shall constitute protected health information and shall be timely shared with: the tested individual (via Optum Serve/Logistic's Health Inc.), the appropriate Local Health Officer, and the California Department of Public Health. All test results shall be shared with the Local Health Officer and the California Department of Public Health in accordance with the State's mandated laboratory reporting laws, and shall include race/ethnicity data fields.

This Standing Order is issued pursuant to the following authorities: California Health and Safety Code sections 120130 and 120175; Business and Professions Code section 1288; Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 2505 and 2540, and the Governor's Executive Order of March 12, 2020 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-19.pdf>). This order remains in effect until rescinded or modified.

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