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Dear Provider,

This letter serves to notify you of a reporting change occurring for specimens that are submitted to the Alaska State Public Health Laboratories for SARS-CoV-2 testing. The name of the virus is being updated from Novel Coronavirus 2019 to SARS-CoV-2 across all of our reporting systems to align the various testing platforms necessary to accommodate the increased capacity at our laboratories.

Current report format (CDC EUA results):

RESULTS			
Test/Observation	Result	Method	Testing Completed
Molecular Detection			
Novel Coronavirus 2019	NOT DETECTED	PCR	06/04/2020

New report format (CDC EUA results):

RESULTS			
Test/Observation	Result	Method	Testing Completed
Molecular Detection			
SARS-CoV-2	NOT DETECTED	PCR	06/04/2020

New report format (Hologic EUA results):

RESULTS			
Test/Observation	Result	Method	Testing Completed
Molecular Detection			
SARS-CoV-2	NOT DETECTED	TMA	06/04/2020

PCR: polymerase chain reaction; TMA: transcription-mediated amplification

Please inform all necessary parties at your facility in order to streamline reporting. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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