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Dear Provider,

We received notification from our federal partners at FEMA about potential issues with the FILLAKIT LLC phosphate buffered saline (PBS) transport media.

*“FEMA/HHS has recently become aware of potential quality issues with FILLAKIT LLC phosphate buffered saline (PBS) transport media that was provided to states and territories for COVID-19 sample collection. Out of an abundance of caution, we recommend this media not be used at this time. We are currently in the process of analyzing the quality of the media in question and will be in touch with jurisdictions early this next week to discuss media requirements. NOTE: Please do not discard this media, but do not use for additional sample collection until further notice.”*

If you need alternatives for collection media, please contact the Alaska Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at (907) 428-7100.

Sincerely,

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