

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO EXTERNAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION



Important changes are coming into effect for external collection and submission of specimens for laboratory testing. These changes are taking place to improve the quality of laboratory specimens and to protect patient safety.

Specimen Collectors who collect laboratory specimens privately, outside of Eastern Health facilities, are now required to enter into an agreement as a condition to submit specimens for testing. This is to provide assurances that standard and best practices are adhered to for all specimen collection and transportation activities.

Please refer to the attached FAQ and the Eastern Health Laboratory website <https://lab.easternhealth.ca/for-external-collectors/> for detailed information on the application process and resources for external specimen collectors.

Applications will be accepted starting November 28, 2022 by submitting all required forms and information to Collector.Applications@easternhealth.ca The deadline for submission of applications is February 28, 2023. Starting on March 31, 2023, only those issued a permit by signing an Agreement with Eastern Health will be granted permission to submit specimens to an Eastern Health laboratory for testing.

External Specimen Collectors are welcome to participate in an information session and question period conducted by Microsoft Teams on October 28, 2022

Please join the virtual External Collectors Engagement Forum October 28, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Meeting details will be sent out via email.

Or use a phone camera to scan this QR Code to access the meeting.



Or call in (audio only)

709-800-5685

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