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Memo

To: Submitters of Clinical Specimens to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health

From: Scott M. Shone, PhD, HCLD(ABB) – Public Health Laboratory Director

Date: May 30, 2025

Re: *Rickettsia* Testing at the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health

Effective **May 31, 2025**, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH) will cease performing molecular testing for *Rickettsia* spp. Submitters that have *Rickettsia* spp. testing needs can submit serum and whole blood specimens for testing at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH).

Additional information about submission criteria and shipping for all tests can be found in the [NCSLPH SCOPE Guide to Laboratory Services](#).

For questions, contact Rebecca S. Pelc, PhD, Virology/Serology Unit Manager, at 919-807-8868 or rebecca.pelc@dhhs.nc.gov or Segun Awe, Special Serology Supervisor, at 919-807-8821 or segun.awe@dhhs.nc.gov.

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