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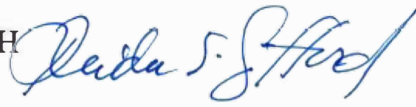
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### HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

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TO: Nursing Home Administrators

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DATE: June 12, 2020

SUBJECT: Molecular Transport Media (MTM) Collection Kits

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On May 28, 2020 an Everbridge alert was disseminated regarding PrimeStore molecular transport media vials used for SARS CoV-2 test sampling. The alert indicated the transport media contained guanidine thiocyanate and produced a dangerous chemical reaction releasing cyanide gas when exposed to bleach. Should any spills related to the contents of the collection kits occur, **THE SPILL SHOULD NOT BE CLEANED WITH BLEACH OR A BLEACH PRODUCT.** Follow up communication with nursing home facilities who received the MTM collection kits identified the kits were either used for sampling and sent to a laboratory for processing that did not use the Hologic Panther or Panther Fusion System or were held back and replaced with other collection kits.



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Currently, we would like to get visibility on any unused MTM collection kits that may be in a nursing home's inventory. Should you have any remaining MTM SARS CoV-2 test sampling kits, please respond to the email box below and indicate the name of the facility, a point of contact, the best contact method (phone number or email) and the number of kits you may have in your inventory.

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Thank you for any consideration that you give to this request.

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