

## **Referrals (Sendout Testing) Update – FedEx & UPS Shipping Disruption due to Winter Storm Cora**

**Hazardous weather conditions caused by Winter Storm Cora are disrupting operations for the FedEx hub in Memphis, Tennessee, and the UPS hub in Louisville, Kentucky. To prevent delays that could compromise sample integrity, the shipment schedule to reference laboratories has been modified. Pathology Referrals will resume shipping when delays are minimal.**

### **Explanation:**

Winter Storm Cora is forecast to bring snow, ice, and hazardous conditions to Kentucky, Tennessee, and the Mid-Atlantic region, disrupting operations for the FedEx hub in Memphis, Tennessee, and the UPS hub in Louisville, Kentucky. Even areas not directly impacted by the storm may experience delays due to network-wide disruptions. To prevent delays that could compromise sample integrity – such as exceeding age or temperature requirements for testing – the shipment schedule to reference laboratories has been modified.

Effective immediately, Pathology Referrals will hold all reference laboratory (e.g., ARUP, Mayo Clinic Laboratories, CareDx, University of Washington, etc.) samples for shipment until FedEx and UPS operations stabilize and there are minimal disruptions. Please note: Most tests submitted to LabCorp are not impacted, however the following commonly ordered LabCorp tests are impacted by this service disruption:

- PAROXYSMAL NOCTURNAL HEMOGLOBINURIA (PNH) PROFILE [LAB1230322]
- MYD88 MUTATION DETECTION PCR [LAB1232874]
- ZAP-70 IN B-CLL [LAB1230380]

For specific details on sample stability, storage, and transport requirements for any send out tests please review the reference laboratory's website and/or contact Pathology Referrals.

**For questions, please contact Pathology Client Services at 804-828-7284 (8-PATH).**