STOP Notification	**Novel Corona Virus 2019 (COVID-19) Education**
When:	**Thursday, March 5, 2020**
What?	**Due to possible test requests for COVID-19, education is being provided regarding test requests, samples types and processing instructions.**

Who is Affected:	**Affected Location(s)**		**Department(s)**	
		Alamance Cancer Center		Blood Bank
		High Point Cancer Center		Cytology
		Wesley Long Cancer Center		Flow Cytometry
	x	Alamance Regional		Histology
	x	Annie Penn Hospital	x	Microbiology
	x	MedCenter @ High Point		Phlebotomy
	x	MedCenter @ Mebane		Point Of Care
	x	Moses Cone Hospital		Rapid Response Lab
	x	Wesley Long Hospital		Respiratory Therapy
	x	Women's Hospital	x	Specimen Processing

Why?	**Due to the spreading of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), education is being provided to assist staff in the possible receiving of speciems for nCov 2019 testing and how to process these specimens.**
What you will need to do to prepare:	**COVID-19 cases range from mild respiratory infections to ARDS. As of 2/28/20, there are 84K cases worldwide and 63 cases in the US. No cases in NC.** **Case definition:** **Fever OR symptoms of lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath) AND in the last 14 days before symptom onset:** **history of travel from China, South Korea, Japan, Iran or Italy OR close contact with lab-confirmed COVID-19 patient.** **If clinician suspects COVID-19, the clinicain should contact Infection Prevention at 336-337-7577 and wait for the state's approval to being testing.** **Samples include:** **One Nasopharyngeal swab in VTM** **One Oranpharyngeal (throat) swab in VTM** **Respiratory specimen if cough is productive.** **Sunquest test is NCOV19. CHL order code is LAB11067** **These samples will be sent to the Laboratory and will be packaged using a Category B Shipping Container and sent to MC Microbiology Department. Microbiology will sent to the state Bioterrorism Unit for testing. Jeff Beaman will be contacted by the laboratory (336) 54** **Read/signoff on the STOP and refer to the Job Aid** **Attend the training session or train the trainer.**

Manager / Supervisor Responsibility:	Send Post Live Documentation to IT Manager within 5 days of the effective date for test systems marked with an "X"	
	x Sunquest	WindowPath
	x CHL	Instrument / Manual Test
	PowerPath	
Need Help?	Contact your Manager / Supervisor	

This has been approved by the Laboratory Medical Directors