Cone Health Laboratories

| STOP Notification | Hologic Panther - Uncapped Workflow and Nasopharyngeal Swab Specimens in Sterile Saline |
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| **When:** | **Sunday, August 30, 2020** |
| **What?** | **Go-live of uncapped workflow using Hologic Lysis Tubes / Custom Lysis Tubes and addition of NP Swab in Sterile Saline as acceptable specimen type for SCOVAL testing.** |

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

| **Why?** | **Hologic adressed a shortage in tubes and penetrable caps by implementing an uncapped workflow using Lysis Tubes and Custom Lysis Tubes. The lab will also begin accepting NP swabs in Sterile Saline as a specimen type in addition to Nasal swabs collected in Orange Aptima Multitest tube' for SCOVAL testing.** |
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| **What you will need to do to prepare:** | **-Review and be familiar with updated 'Aptima SARS-CoV-2 Assay' procedure with uncapped workflow, new lysis tube types and acceptable specimen types.**<br>**-Review and be familiar with information in 'COVID-19 Order Codes & Specimen Types' job aid** |

| **Manager / Supervisor Responsibility:** | Send Post Live Documentation to IT Manager within 5 days of the effective date for test systems marked with an "X" | |
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| | Sunquest | WindowPath |
| | CHL | Instrument / Manual Test |
| | PowerPath | |
| | **-Post 'COVID-19 Order Codes & Specimen Types' job aid in the lab/at specimen processing benches for easy reference by lab staff** | |

| **Need Help?** | Contact your Manager / Supervisor |
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*This has been approved by the Laboratory Medical Directors*