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Dear OSPHL Clients and Partners,

The Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) is honored to serve Oregonians during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the response to the pathogen continues, you may find that the PCR test tubes provided by the Oregon State Public Health Lab (OSPHL) or the State of Oregon Operations Center have expired or are nearing their expiration date. OSPHL has received increasing numbers of specimens in expired media recently. Specimens must be tested by the date on the tubes. **Please check the expiration date of the tubes on your stock, and if expired, please dispose of the tubes with your medical waste.**

For COVID-19 test tube media obtained from a private lab or purchased from an organization other than the OHA, please contact that organization for proper disposal. Two common manufactures of the PCR test tubes are:

S² Transport Media (VTM) (teal cap)



remel MicroTest M4RT Transport (usually a red cap)



We continue our laboratory testing focus on surveillance testing activities, outbreak investigations, and SARS-CoV-2 sequencing. To request COVID-19 testing supplies from the State of Oregon Operations Center, please visit <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/bc141c6ad1654a58aaa1fd877b97c8fd>. To request COVID-19 testing supplies for testing at OSPHL, please complete the Stockroom Order Request, available at www.bitly.com/phl-forms.

Sincerely,

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