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To OSPHL Parasitology Clients,

Effective immediately, the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) is discontinuing testing for blood parasites due to staffing and training limitations. Please note that blood parasite testing is commercially available.

For laboratories seeking support with blood parasites confirmation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria (DPDM) will remain available. Direct submission of blood parasite images to CDC will improve timeliness of results for patient care.

To request CDC DPDM assistance with identification, follow the program's instructions provided here: <https://www.cdc.gov/dpdx/contact.html>. OSPHL does not need to be involved in the request of DPDM.

CDC's recommendation is that case management and treatment for urgent cases not be delayed pending CDC's review of slide images.

Please share this information with your infection prevention and laboratory colleagues who may need to be informed of this change. Questions may be directed to Caitlin Miranda, OSPHL Microbiologist, at 503-693-4100 or [caitlin.miranda@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:caitlin.miranda@dhsosha.state.or.us).

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