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Dear OSPHL Public Health Colleague,

Beginning June 1, 2025, the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) will no longer test specimens for Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) PCR. The test method used in our laboratory is being discontinued by the Laboratory Response Network program.

Where is testing available?

If testing is needed for public health investigation or response, specimens for VZV PCR may be sent to OSPHL for forwarding to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.

Submissions must be coordinated with and approved for testing by the Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Section or Local Public Health Authorities. Specimens must meet WSLH specimen acceptance criteria for testing which can be found by accessing OSPHL's Test Menu at www.healthoregon.org/labtests.

Thank you for your understanding during this transition. Please contact our laboratory with questions at 503-693-4100.

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Sincerely,

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