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HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
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Public Health Laboratory Only Conducting Emergency Testing

Please Share this Alert with All Physicians and Microbiologists in Your Facility

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The New York City Public Health Laboratory building is currently running on emergency generator power only. At this time, only emergency testing for high priority pathogens is being conducted. No routine testing is being conducted.

Specimens that would routinely be sent to the Public Health Laboratory should be held at appropriate temperature at your facility until the Public Health Laboratory resumes normal operations.

If you have any questions about specimen submission or handling during regular business hours, please call the Public Health Laboratory at 212-447-2578. After regular business hours, you can call 212-764-7667.

We will send out another Health Alert when normal operations have resumed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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