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To: Epidemiology and Referring Laboratories of *Neisseria meningitidis* isolates

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Subject: Discontinuation of *Neisseria meningitidis* Group D Serotyping

As reported by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and The World Health Organization, Group D is no longer recognized as a serogroup of *Neisseria meningitidis*. Suppliers of the antisera for Group D *Neisseria meningitidis* are in the evaluation process to cease production of the antisera. In light of these findings, effective August 1, 2009, Laboratory Services will discontinue serology testing for *Neisseria meningitidis* Group D. The laboratory will continue serogrouping of *Neisseria meningitidis* Groups A, B, C, W135, X, Y and Z.

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