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Dear Laboratory Directors:

CLIA-certified laboratories that pool samples to test for SARS-CoV-2 must not report positive or indeterminate results of a pooled test to either the participants in the pool or to San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (SBCDPH). All participant specimens that were in a pooled test with a positive or indeterminate result should be retested separately, and the subsequent individual diagnostic or screening results must be reported to SBCDPH.

Reporting of Pooled SARS-CoV-2 Testing Results to SBCDPH:

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<td>Negative (-)</td>
<td>Return pooled results in aggregate to requesting institution (e.g., a university) as presumptive negative. Do not report to SBCDPH as a diagnostic or screening result.</td>
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<td>Positive (+) or Indeterminate (+/-)</td>
<td><strong>Do not report pooled result.</strong> Perform individual testing and report individual results (+/-) in aggregate to requesting institution (e.g., a university). Do not report to SBCDPH as a diagnostic or screening result. **</td>
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*Surveillance testing for SARS-CoV-2 includes ongoing systematic collection, analysis, and interpretation of population-level prevalence of disease.

**Screening/diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2 intended to identify occurrence at the individual level to support the diagnosis of COVID-19.

For more information, please review Laboratory Pooling Procedures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Thank you for your collaboration,

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