HOLIDAY ALERT
Effective December 23rd, 2019—January 3, 2020

Our lab will be closed December 24 – 25, 2019 (Tuesday and Wednesday) and Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

Due to the holidays, there are testing restrictions to consider:

- **Apoptosis**: NO APOPTOSIS testing the week of Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th, 2019—samples will not be accepted.

- **CD107a Mobilization (NK or T Cell Degranulation) Assays**: NO CD107a OR T CELL DEGRANULATION testing the week of Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th, 2019—samples will not be accepted.

- **Alemtuzumab**: Alemtuzumab testing will be performed Friday, Dec. 27th and Friday, Jan. 3rd. Please ship samples frozen (see below).

- **Other whole blood tests**: Acceptable to collect on the following dates (must be shipped same day for next day delivery):
  o Thursday, December 26 for delivery Friday, Dec. 27th.
  o Monday, Dec. 30th, for delivery Tuesday, Dec. 31st.
  o Thursday, January 2nd for delivery Friday, Jan. 3rd.

*Remember some of your options to prolong sample stability:*

- Plasma and Serum samples – for BAFF, CXCL9, Cytokines, GM-CSF Autoantibody, Interleukin-18, Neopterin, S100A8/A9, S100A12, Soluble CD163, Soluble Fas-Ligand, and Soluble IL-2R.
  
  Specimens can be processed for delivery later. Spin and separate plasma/serum from cells within 24 hours of collection (within 8 hours for CXCL9, and 4 hours for S100A8/A9 and S100A12). Freeze plasma/serum immediately. Ship frozen on dry ice.

- **Please do not ship frozen samples on Monday, Dec. 23rd**. Our receiving dock is closed on Dec. 24th. Please hold samples and ship on dates listed above under “Other whole blood tests”.

- Cerebrospinal fluid samples – for CSF Cytokines or CSF Neopterin. Freeze within 48 hours of collection. Ship frozen on dry ice.

**Contact our customer service representatives at (513) 636-4685 before collecting and shipping any samples to prevent the need for recollection.**

For updated copies of our test requisition form, prices, CPT codes and shipping instructions, please visit our website at [www.cincinнатichildrens.org/DIL](http://www.cincinнатichildrens.org/DIL)

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