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Dear Colleague:

The Department of Health and Senior Service’s Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis (BSHS) was recently awarded supplemental funding as part of the *Integrated Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Funding for Health Departments* cooperative agreement. This supplemental funding allows for the department to provide Hepatitis B (HBV) and Hepatitis C (HCV) testing through the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL). This free testing will available through the MSPHL through April 30, 2024, or until funding is exhausted. There are no requirements or restrictions for this testing.

Instructions for HBV and HCV testing:

1. Order specimen kits using the MSPHL [Specimen Kit Order Form](#) and request the Hepatitis Screening Kits, contact the MSPHL Central Services at SPHLCentralServices@health.mo.gov, fax orders to (573)522-8210, or call directly at (573)751-4830.

Virus Isolation Kit - Mumps
Hepatitis Screening Kit [1's] [4's]
Viral Serology Kit

2. Use the [Virology Test Request Form](#), and under Test(s) Requested, select one of the options under Hepatitis C.

Hepatitis C

Anti-HCV

Anti-HCV, HBsAg, anti-HBc, anti-HBs

3. Collect and process the specimen according to the attached Hep C Kit Instructions.

If you have any questions about HBV or HCV testing, please contact the BSHS Hepatitis Coordinator, Lelah Hicks at Lelah.Hicks@health.mo.gov or 573-526-6644, or the MSPHL Virology Unit at labweb1@health.mo.gov or 573-751-3334.

Thank you,

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