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## **Test Discontinuations**

The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene Communicable Disease Division aims to support the testing needs of Wisconsin through surveillance testing, testing of underserved populations and wards of the state, and testing for new, rare, or difficult to diagnose pathogens. We also engage in testing for outbreaks and emergency response. Occasionally, testing for a disease becomes widely available and no longer needs to be supported at a public health laboratory. Alternately, demand for testing of very rare pathogens drops to the point it can no longer be maintained at our laboratory. We regularly review our test menu to ensure we meet the needs of our partners while ensuring optimal use of our resources so we can continue to offer the best services possible. Occasionally, new tests are implemented or discontinued based on these assessments.

### **Send out service for AST/ALT testing- Discontinued 10/15/23**

A recent review of our records indicates the demand for AST/ALT testing at WSLH is very low. In addition, there are no dedicated public health funds to support this activity. Fortunately, submitters have many options to send specimens directly to clinical and reference laboratories. Therefore, we will discontinue offering to forward specimens through WSLH.

### **Lyme Line Blot for IgG and IgM- Discontinued 10/15/23**

A recent review of our records indicates the demand for our Lyme testing is very low. Most clinical laboratories either perform the test in-house or have access through a reference laboratory. Therefore, we will discontinue offering this test at WSLH.

### **Anaplasma/Ehrlichia species PCR Discontinued- Discontinued 9/15/23**

Testing of blood specimens to determine the species of *Ehrlichia* and *Anaplasma* is performed for surveillance purposes only. Our records indicate the testing volume is below sustainable levels in our laboratory. Going forward, specimens submitted for this testing will be forwarded to the CDC to allow for continued surveillance. Results will continue to be reported to WEDSS and will be for surveillance purposes only. There is no fee associated with this testing.

If you have questions about these changes please contact our Customer Service department.

