



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Dear Submitter:

The Washington State Public Health Laboratories (WAPHL) continually strives to improve test methodology, communication and efficient delivery of test results to our clients. One of our responsibilities as a laboratory is to ensure that results generated from our testing can be communicated back to the appropriate public health officials in an expedient manner. To fulfill that responsibility it is essential that all specimens submitted to the WAPHL are sent with appropriate patient information including **patient address** and **zip code**. Without this information, results cannot be disseminated to County Health Officials.

The Washington Administrative Code requirements changed in July 2011 to enhance patient data collection at the time of specimen receipt. Per WAC 246-101-105 Duties of the health care provider and WAC 246-101-205 Responsibility and duties of the laboratory director, it is required that the following information is provided on the laboratory requisition form at the time of specimen submission (please refer to the complete list of requirements in each WAC respectively):

- Patient: name, address including zip code, date of birth, and sex
- Principal health care provider: name, telephone number, and address
- Test requested, type of specimen and date of specimen collection

We would like to request your cooperation in complying with these requirements. Please feel free to contact Brian Hiatt directly with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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