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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*OFFICE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY*  
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Dear Lab Director,

Two years ago, we requested reporting of positive and negative test results for Zika virus. At that time, the Washington State Department of Health was tracking patterns of test ordering and Local Health Jurisdictions were using negative lab reports for case management. However, with the decline in Zika virus cases worldwide and changes to the CDC testing algorithms, negative Zika test results are no longer utilized by public health.

**Therefore, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is requesting that laboratories stop reporting negative Zika virus test results. Positive and equivocal results are still reportable and reporting practices should not change for these result types.**

If you have general questions regarding this request, please contact Hanna Oltean at 206-418-5500. For laboratories reporting electronically, technical questions regarding removing Zika negative results should be directed to the Informatics Customer Support Center, [informatics.csc@doh.wa.gov](mailto:informatics.csc@doh.wa.gov) or 1-877-889-3377.

Thank you very much for your ongoing help with surveillance and disease control.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Lindquist", written over a horizontal line.

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