

# ALLINA HEALTH LABORATORY

## Memo

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**To:** Allina Health Laboratory outreach clients

**From:** Allina Health Laboratory outreach services

**Date:** February 4, 2020

**Re:** Manual requisition specimen collection requirements

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In order to comply with College of American Pathology (CAP) guidelines, effective March 2, 2020, Allina Health Laboratory will require that the date and time of specimen collection be included on all testing requisitions submitted to Allina Health Laboratory. The only exception to this requirement will be for the submission of IHC stains on a tissue block, as they are often historical in nature.

Best practice is that the date and time of specimen collection are included on both the requisition and on the specimen container, but minimally, this information must be included on the requisition. Testing of samples submitted without the date and time of collection may be delayed until the information can be obtained from the ordering site.

If you have questions about this requirement, contact your Allina Health Laboratory account representative .