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Information Regarding Testing for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019)

Collin County Health Care Services does not have an onsite laboratory to test for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019).

In recent days, two commercial laboratories have announced their capability to perform COVID-19 testing:

- **Quest Diagnostics** has reported that they will begin to provide testing on Monday, March 9, 2020. You can read their announcement here: [Quest News Release](#)
- **LabCorp** has reported that they have begun testing as of March 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM. You can read their announcement here: [LabCorp News Release](#)

Collin County does not endorse any commercial laboratory. Decisions on which laboratory to use are made by the ordering provider and/or their healthcare facility and/or the individual being tested. Please refer to the respective laboratory for specific specimen collection, storage, and shipping protocols.

Physicians do not need to obtain permission from county public health officials to order testing through commercial laboratories. However, please note that **suspected cases of COVID-2019 are reportable to the county health department at 972-548-4707.**