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Subject: Outreach to Hospital Laboratories on COVID-19 Reporting

Colleagues,

On March 29, 2020, Vice President Pence sent all U.S. hospitals a letter requesting assistance in reporting data that is critical in public health decision making around COVID-19. On April 10, 2020, HHS Secretary Azar provided additional [information](#) to hospitals that included details about laboratory data reporting to the HHS Protect System.

In an effort to prioritize the importance of hospitals reporting directly to their state or local health department and streamline reporting requests on U.S. hospital laboratories, CDC will handle reporting into the HHS Protect System using the deidentified reports we receive from your health departments. Any U.S. hospital laboratory that reports to its state or local health department will **not** need to also report to the HHS Protect System.

Additionally, CDC will send the attached email to all U.S. hospital laboratory directors to emphasize the importance of reporting complete information to your health departments, clarify reporting requirements, and provide an opportunity for feedback. **CDC will address questions about U.S. hospital laboratory reporting on the COVID-19 Clinical Laboratory call on Monday, May 11th at 3pm ET.** Details on how to join the call can be found on [CDC's website](#).

We appreciate all you are doing to respond to COVID-19 and we hope that this will further increase the completeness of information you are receiving for your efforts.

If you have questions, please contact CDC's Emergency Operations Center, Laboratory Working Group at eocevent405@cdc.gov

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