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Dear Customer:

On January 22, 2018, the IgA program will transfer from the National Testing Laboratory in Ottawa to the Brampton Testing Laboratory. The request form, F800014, *Patient Request for IgA/Anti-IgA Testing* has been updated to reflect the change of site.

This form, *Patient Request for IgA/Anti-IgA Testing*, can be accessed on www.blood.ca under any “Diagnostic Services” site test request forms. A sample of the revised Patient IgA/Anti-IgA Request for IgA/Anti-IgA Testing form is also enclosed. This customer letter and the form can be viewed at www.blood.ca in the “Hospitals/Customer Letters” section.

Testing performed will vary depending on the reason for the request. For patients with a history of anaphylactic transfusion reaction(s), samples will be sent for IgA and anti-IgA testing. For individuals with a history of low or deficient IgA, AND who require transfusion therapy (blood component therapy or plasma protein product therapy) only anti-IgA testing will be performed. In general, testing will not be performed on patients who have a history of low IgA but do not require transfusion therapy. All other requests must be explained in detail on the form and discussed with your local Canadian Blood Services Medical Director.

This Customer Letter, the request form, and further information about IgA deficiency can also be viewed on the Professional Education website at https://professionaleducation.blood.ca/en/transfusion/publications/iga-deficiency.

If you have questions about this letter, or if you require it in an accessible format, please contact your local hospital liaison specialist.

Sincerely,

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