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Dear State and Local Public Health Laboratory Directors,

We commend all of your efforts to rapidly implement the CDC 2019-nCoV Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel. APHL has been notified from a handful of laboratories who have observed performance issues during verification testing, particularly with the N3 assay showing sporadic aberrant reactivity in the negative controls (HSC and/or NTC) with fluorescent signal crossing threshold at late Ct values. CDC is aware of these reports and is investigating.

It is critical that any performance issues with the test be reported to respvirus@cdc.gov immediately. CDC cannot take action and investigate properly without an official report to this email to understand the root cause of any issues with test performance. As a secondary measure, we also ask that you provide an update to APHL (eoc@aphl.org) on your verification progress both if it is going well or if you are having challenges to help us better understand the full scope of any potential issue with the kits. *Reporting to APHL is **not a substitute** for reporting issues to respvirus@cdc.gov.*

APHL will keep you updated as we learn more.

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