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NEW Zika Testing Guidelines Update

To San Joaquin County Health Care Providers:

Effective Immediately – San Joaquin County Public Health Services will be following the new guidelines from the California Department of Public Health regarding Zika Testing.

The San Joaquin County Public Health Lab will no longer be testing or accepting samples for symptomatic or asymptomatic pregnant women requiring Zika screening due to travel. Please refer these patients to your lab or any commercial lab that has Zika testing capabilities. The Public Health Lab will continue to provide confirmatory testing as necessary in order to accurately diagnose and monitor the incidence of Zika virus in San Joaquin County. The updated guidance and algorithm are available on CDPH website; please see below.

- Updated Guidance for Health Care Providers: Assessment and Testing for Zika Virus Infection in Pregnant Women and their Newborns is available online at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/UpdatedZikaGuidanceforHCPsCaringforPregnantWomen.pdf>

- The CDPH Zika Screening Algorithm is available online at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ZikaAlgorithmPoster.pdf>

Please feel free to contact the Communicable Disease Department with any questions or concerns at 209-468-3822.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Arakawa".

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