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RE: 2015 Chlamydia/GC NAAT Stickers Allocation Distribution

Dear Colleagues:

The **2015 Chlamydia/GC NAAT Sticker Allocation** will be shipped to the local health departments through each county's sticker steward on November 3, 2014. You **must** contact your sticker steward directly to obtain your stickers.

Please note that the 2015 submission policy guidance documents are posted on the DHMH Laboratory website: <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/laboratories/SitePages/Chlamydia.aspx>. Please routinely visit our website for updates and archived documents. We highly recommend that staff directly involved in completing the submission forms, collecting the samples, and packaging the submission forms/samples visit our website and review these guidance documents. The stickers for **2015** are teal and are to be used starting **January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015**. After January 1, 2015 the pink 2014 stickers will NO longer be accepted.

Should you have any questions regarding the Laboratory Submission Policy, please do not hesitate to contact the DHMH Laboratories Administration's staff directly through Heather Peters (PHLS Supervisor Chlamydia Laboratory) by phone at (410) 767-6153/6154 and/or by email at heather.peters@maryland.gov.

Should you have questions regarding the County Sticker Allocations and Sticker Steward List, please contact the Maryland DHMH Center for Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention staff directly as listed below:

Cesar Pena, Epidemiologist [(410) 767-6687; cesar.pena@maryland.gov]

For local health departments who are interested in establishing a Fiscal Year 2015 (July 2014-June 2015) MOU/PO for additional Chlamydia/GC NAAT test requests, please contact our DHMH Laboratories Administration Fiscal Officer, Ken Keys at ken.keys@maryland.gov directly as soon as possible. We sincerely appreciate your continued assistance and cooperation. Thank you.

Regards,

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