HEALTH OFFICER MEMORANDUM

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RE: CORRECTION: Updated Zika Lab Guidance

In the updated Zika lab guidance released by DHMH on January 9, 2017 in HO Memo #17-001, an important sample type was omitted from the table in Section B, “Specimen Collection and Handling.” Infants with possible Zika exposure should also have urine collected and submitted for RT-PCR testing within two days of birth. Additional details for how to collect, submit, and store infant urine specimens is now included in a corrected version of the table, included in the attached, updated version of the new lab guidance document. Please use it in place of the one distributed as part of HO Memo #17-001. Apologies for any confusion; please contact us with any questions or concerns at (410) 767-6700.

Attachment: 1) Updated Zika Guidelines and Instructions - CORRECTED

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