

Toxicology Proficiency Testing Programs 2024 Schedule

The alcohol in blood and lead in blood proficiency testing programs have been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988. Samples should arrive by the “Expected Sample Receipt Date” listed. If samples are not received by that date or are received in a condition that is unacceptable for testing, requests for replacement samples **must** be made by the “Deadline for Replacement Sample Requests.” Requests made after this deadline cannot be accepted.

Drugs of abuse in urine				
Event	Sample Ship Date	Expected Sample Receipt Date	Deadline for Replacement Sample Requests	Results Due Date
Event 1	January 24	January 31	February 2	February 28
Event 2	May 22	May 29	June 3	June 26
Event 3	September 25	October 2	October 7	October 30
Program coordinator: Jennifer Okraska			E-mail: RA-DHTOXPTPROGRAMS@PA.GOV	

Drugs of abuse in blood and/or serum				
Event	Sample Ship Date	Expected Sample Receipt Date	Deadline for Replacement Sample Requests	Results Due Date
Event 1	February 7	February 14	February 20	March 13
Event 2	June 5	June 12	June 17	July 10
Event 3	October 9	October 16	October 21	November 13
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Alcohol in blood (CMS-approved) and/or serum				
Event	Sample Ship Date	Expected Sample Receipt Date	Deadline for Replacement Sample Requests	Results Due Date
Event 1	February 21	February 28	March 4	March 27
Event 2	June 26	July 3	July 8	July 31
Event 3	October 23	October 30	November 4	November 27
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Erythrocyte/Zinc protoporphyrin				
Event	Sample Ship Date	Expected Sample Receipt Date	Deadline for Replacement Sample Requests	Results Due Date
Event 1	March 6	March 13	March 18	April 10
Event 2	July 10	July 17	July 22	August 14
Event 3	November 6	November 13	November 18	December 11
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Lead in blood (CMS-approved)				
Event	Sample Ship Date	Expected Sample Receipt Date	Deadline for Replacement Sample Requests	Results Due Date
Event 1	March 6	March 13	March 18	April 10
Event 2	July 10	July 17	July 22	August 14
Event 3	November 6	November 13	November 18	December 11
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E-mail results to: RA-DHTOXPTPROGRAMS@PA.GOV. Include your PA Lab ID, PT Program Name & Event in the subject line