

The following laboratory restrictions are due to come into place on June 13th 2016.
Please email Dr Arlo Upton arlo.upton@labtests.co.nz if you have comments.

	Referral from community providers to Labtests / Northland Pathology will be referred to LabPLUS ONLY if one of the following conditions are met:	Notes
Legionella serology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical details of pneumonia are provided Or/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical details that serology is a follow up (convalescent) specimen following recent hospitalization with pneumonia Or/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The form indicates that Public Health have requested the sample be taken 	All other samples will be reported with a comment indicating that testing will not be performed in the absence of clinical details indicating pneumonia. The sample will be stored for the period of one week and then discarded unless discussed with a clinical microbiologist at Labtests / Northland Pathology
Quantiferon Gold testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The request has come directly from Public Health Or/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The test has been requested by a vocationally registered internal medicine specialists, AND is accompanied by the clinical indication for testing 	Arrangements for commercial tests (pre-travel, immigration, etc) are unchanged <i>The restrictions will be applied at the collection centre when the patient presents, and so it is very important that you are aware of these changes and refer patients appropriately.</i>
Hepatitis C virus (HCV) RNA testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The referrer is a vocationally registered internal medicine specialist or general surgeon Or/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The test is requested following discussion with a clinical microbiologist or virologist, and this is clearly documented on the request form 	Please note that reflex RNA testing is taking place – first time HCV antibody positive tests are automatically tested for RNA.
Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) DNA testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The referrer is a vocationally registered internal medicine specialist or general surgeon Or/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The test is requested following discussion with a clinical microbiologist, virologist, or the Hepatitis foundation, and this is clearly documented on the request form 	