

Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center



NBIMC NEWSLETTER

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The Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center (NBIMC) will have a severe staff shortage beginning 1 January 2022. Two of NBIMC most senior employees (Ms. Valerie Akins and Mrs. Mildred Figueroa) are retiring at the end of the year. As we wish them the best, their absence will significantly impact the response time to our customer because we will be staffed at 60%. Please be assured NBIMC is working to solve our staffing challenges and intends to continue to provide you with the best customer service possible, but there will/may be delays in our work products and response times. We will diligently seek to minimize to the best of our ability, the effects this staff shortage will have on our work and responses. NBIMC ask for your patience and forbearance as we navigate our way through this unprecedented event.

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D1 DEFICIENCY AWARENESS

A D1 deficiency occurs when specimens are received at the Center for Disease Detection (CDD), but the site did not transmit the orders data to our systems. The necessary action is for the site to process the batch through MRRS and resubmit. For CHCS and MHS Genesis, the site needs to retransmit the orders. CDD will only hold the samples submitted in SST tubes for seven days. After which, the specimens will be too old from the draw date, and the members will have to be redrawn. For most members, this is quite an inconvenience; for some members, such an error may result in a lost opportunity to get their testing done.



USCG INFORMATION (ONLY)

The information referenced in this section is only for USCG submitting sites. Please refer to the attached document for further information

(Attached via email)

HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY from the NBIMC STAFF



President's Day is a holiday known as "Washington's Birthday" for more than 100 years and some states still identify the holiday using the name.

It became popularly known as President's Day after it became part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act to create more three-day weekends for workers in the United States.

Please note: **CDD will be open and testing on Monday, February 21st for Presidents Day.**

