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Dear Clinical Laboratory,

On June 23, 2021, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York will end the state disaster emergency declared on March 7, 2020 to fight COVID-19. Given New York's dramatic progress against COVID-19, with the success in vaccination rates and declining hospitalization and positivity statewide, the state of emergency will expire Thursday, June 24. Therefore, the Executive Order 202.1 permitting a clinical laboratory to operate temporary collection stations (also known as patient service centers or PSC) to collect specimens from individuals suspected of suffering from a COVID-19 infection will be discontinued as of Friday, June 25, 2021.

If your laboratory is operating a PSC that has not obtained Department approval, an approval to operate must be submitted to the Department. Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, a completed request for a new PSC must be submitted. Application materials for a new PSC and additional information can be found at: <https://www.wadsworth.org/regulatory/clep/clinical-labs/obtain-permit/patient-service-centers-health-fairs>.

Your facility will be allowed to continue to collect specimens for COVID-19 testing while the request is being processed. If the required form is not submitted within 30 days, collection of specimens at such locations must cease.

Questions related to this notice can be directed to clep@health.ny.gov.