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Re: Status of the National Inherited Bleeding Disorder Genotyping Laboratory

Dear Colleagues,

As we all know, the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, and as of today we will not be able to obtain DNA sequence information on our new test cases. The facility where our sequencing is performed is now closed for an indefinite period of time.

This closure means that we will not be able to complete genetic testing on samples that have not previously been submitted for DNA sequence analysis. It is unclear how long the sequencing facility will be closed, but one should assume that this will be for at least a month.

In the meantime, the Kingston genotyping laboratory will remain open, and there will be personnel in the laboratory for at least some of the time during the Monday-Friday work week. We will keep you informed with updates as this situation evolves.

If you have questions about genetic testing that you were hoping to conduct in the near future, you can either call the Kingston laboratory (613-533-3187) or email either the laboratory (NIBDGL@clinlabs.path.queensu.ca) or me (david.lillicrap@queensu.ca).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Lillicrap".

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