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Dear Diagnostic Client;

This letter is to inform you that the Special Pathogens (SP) program will discontinue diagnostic testing of non-human primate samples for Herpes B virus on May 1st, 2024.

SP will continue to offer testing of human cases that have been exposed to macaques but will no longer offer testing of the animal samples.

We have also changed our guide to services to reflect this change.

If you have any questions on this change in policy please direct them to Jim Strong at nml.sp-lnm.asp@phac-aspc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,
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