

Health Care Provider Bulletin

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CHANGES TO *H. PYLORI* UREA BREATH TESTING

Dear Health Care Providers,

LifeLabs is experiencing a shortage of *H. pylori* breath kits due to vendor supply issues. As a result, we will be temporarily unable to offer breath test collection kits for testing.

To ensure continued access to testing during this shortage, patients can use the *H. pylori* stool antigen test as an alternative option. A new requisition is not required. The Stool Antigen test can also detect active infection.

Please take note of the distinctions between each test:

Test	Price	Turnaround Time
H. pylori Breath	\$110.00	1 Week
H. pylori antigen Stool	\$198.00	8 Days

If your patient does not want to take the antigen stool test as an alternative, we are anticipating that breath test kits will be restocked by early April. Patients can also contact us directly to check if breath kits are available again at 1-877-849-3637.

For any questions, please contact LifeLabs Customer Care Center 1-877-849-3637.