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Dear valued ARUP client,

During the current Ebola outbreak, ARUP would like to partner with you in protecting your employees and others from unnecessary exposure by limiting the amount of handling of specimens obtained from patients with suspected Ebola virus disease (EVD). If you have specimens from patients who are being evaluated for EVD, please seek a local solution to expedite testing and prevent exposure to transportation personnel along the route from your door to ours. Your state health laboratory <http://www.aphl.org/aboutaphl/memberlabs/pages/default.aspx> or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can provide assistance.

The CDC and the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) are constantly updating information, and links to these resources can be found below.

- CDC Ebola (Ebola Virus Disease) website located at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>.
- ASM Interim Laboratory Guidelines for Handling/Testing Specimens from Cases or Suspected Cases of viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF). <http://www.asm.org/index.php/news-room/asm-press-releases/98-policy/issues/93198-ebola-10-14>.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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