

4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Colleagues,

We enclose two guidance notes for laboratory users:

The first announces a new PCR test for stool samples for *Giardia*, *Entamoeba histolytica* and *Cryptosporidium* starting at RIE Labs on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Apologies for the short notice however there is no change to the ordering system on ICE for parasitology on stool samples.

The second is an explanation of the complexities of our reporting system for stool samples with advice on when to inform patients to expect results.

If you have any queries about the information the best way of getting in touch would be through our email query address.

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Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

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