

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY CUSTOMERS

Effective April 1, 2010 the Department of Public Health Laboratory will implement a revised fee schedule and payment process.

The changes are summarized below:

1. Fee stamps will no longer be sold for laboratory testing. Customers will receive a monthly invoice from the DPH Lab at the end of each month for their billable tests. Customers may continue to use any fee stamps already purchased. Invoices will be sent for any billable test not accompanied by the appropriate fee stamp. Your first invoice should arrive in early May, 2010.
2. Laboratory test fees will increase for the tests below:
 - Blood Lead Test \$10.00
 - Hepatitis C Test \$10.00
 - Routine HIV Test \$10.00
 - Syphilis Serology Test \$10.00
 - Well Water Test (total coliform) \$30.00
3. Other fees will remain unchanged.

The full laboratory fee schedule is available at:
<http://health.state.ga.us/programs/lab>

This change is necessary to enable this testing to continue at the DPH Lab, and to ensure that the appropriate fees are collected. Please note that this is the first fee increase since laboratory fees were implemented in the mid-1980s.

Please call the Department of Public Health Laboratory at (404) 327-7900 with any questions.

OCGA § 31-2-1 (18) states, in part: "The individual who requests the services authorized in this paragraph, or the individual for whom the laboratory services authorized in this paragraph are performed, shall be responsible for payment of the service fees. As used in this paragraph, the term "individual" means a natural person or his or her responsible health benefit policy or Title XVIII, XIX, or XXI of the federal Social Security Act of 1935."