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FROM: Jafar Razeq, State Public Health Laboratory Director

TO: Hospital Laboratory Personnel
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RE: Alert regarding PrimeStore MTM transport media vials content

You may have received SARS CoV-2 testing sample kits from the state of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), through the CT National Guard that included PrimeStore MTM transport media vials. These transport media vials, pictured below, were shipped to states by the Department of Health and Human Services. This transport media contains guanidine thiocyanate which **produces a dangerous chemical reaction releasing cyanide gas when exposed to bleach** (sodium hypochlorite).

PLEASE NOTE: If you operate the **Hologic Panther or the Panther Fusion System**, please do not process further SARS CoV-2 tests or dispose of the chemical waste until you have discussed the proper procedures with DPH. Both of these Panther testing platforms involve bleach and can potentially create a dangerous chemical reaction. It is important that you Call 860-920-6500 to notify DPH if you operate the Hologic Panther or Panther fusion systems, and to receive safety instructions.

Picture of PrimeStore MTM:



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