## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Raul Pino, M.D., M.P.H. Commissioner



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**Environmental Health** 

June 1, 2017

Dear lab director:

In light of the recent FDA safety communication regarding the potential for falsely low blood lead test results from venous blood analyzed on the LeadCare® machines, the Connecticut Department of Public Health is requiring your laboratory to inform ordering physicians that you did use the venous feature of the LeadCare® machine and the date frame in which you used it as such. This disclosure will give health care providers the necessary information to determine whether their patients need to be retested using the appropriate means.

Failure to comply immediately will result in a referral to the DPH Facilities Licensing and Investigations Section for further investigation.

If you have any questions on this policy, please contact Denise Ortiz at Denise.Ortiz2@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Blancaflor, MPH, MS Chief, Environmental Health Section

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