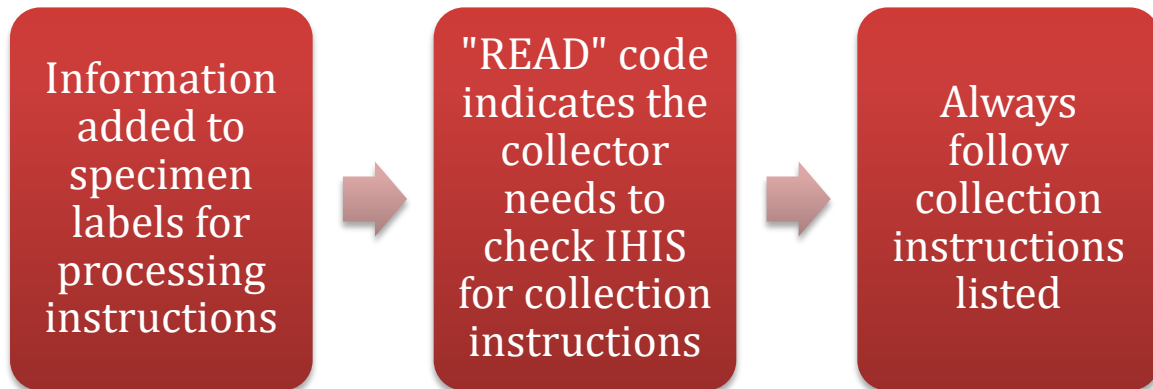


# Important Notice Regarding Specimen Labels and Special Collection Procedures: Go-Live 10/31/2023.

## Key Takeaways



## Introduction

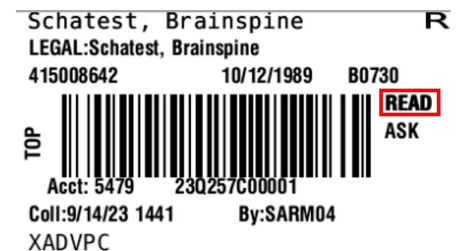
**Effective immediately**, specimens that require special processing during the collection process (NOT protected from light, sent on ice or a warm pack) will be labeled as “READ” on the right side of the tube above the tube type. The collector should then consult IHIS when collecting to see what precautions need to be taken with the specimen.

**As a reminder**, the collector should *always* be checking the tube type and for special requirements on the right side of the specimen label when collecting and labeling tubes.

## Situation

**Currently**, samples that require ice and a warm pack are indicated on the tube. Samples that need to be protected from light have this information indicated in the additional information section of the test on IHIS.

**Moving forward**, specimens that require any special handling will have this information indicated on the label above the tube type. Specimens with the “READ” notice will require the collector to consult IHIS for additional information regarding what extra steps need to be taken. This change will go-live on 10/31/2023.



## Background

This became an issue related to specimens that have special collection considerations not being and collected appropriately- requiring redraw. Information on special handling instructions were in IHIS but were not clearly indicated on the label, leading to staff missing the information.

## Assessment

**Check** the right side of the specimen label to determine whether extra procedures need to be followed during collection in order to prevent a redraw due to improper collection. **When “READ” is present, check IHIS** for additional instructions.

## Request/ Recommendation

**Always** check the right side of the label to determine the requirements for each sample. Be sure to label the tubes appropriately. Refer to IHIS when “READ” is present on the tube for specific collection requirements.



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