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To: All Agencies Submitting DNA Collection Kits for the WV DNA Database

RE: DNA buccal kits replacing blood kits

In lieu of Blood DNA Collection Kits, the WVSP Forensic Laboratory will now be providing DNA buccal collection kits which provides a less invasive method of collecting a DNA sample from an individual. The laboratory will still accept blood kits should you still have unexpired kits in your inventory. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the laboratory at codis@wvsp.gov.

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