

Out of Province/Out of Country Laboratory and Genetic Testing Program funding approvals - Bulletin

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Below is important information regarding BC's COVID-19 response and the impact on funding approvals for OOP/OOC testing:

Effective May 11, 2020, the OOP/OOC Program will now accept and process non-urgent funding applications.

As per program policy, all approved funding will have a 3-month expiry date. Clinicians should only submit funding applications for testing that will be ordered within 3 months of the funding letter approval.

The COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted a patient's ability to access a health authority laboratory, resulting in a delay in specimen collection and an expired funding approval. Funding approvals that expired after March 1, 2020 will have their funding approval extended to August 31, 2020 until further notice.

As the province's response to the pandemic evolves over the coming months, the Program will continue to make refinements to the funding process. Processing times may be impacted due to the increase of application submissions and our current staffing level.

Further updates will be posted to our website at <http://www.bcaplm.ca> as required.

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