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Re: Avellino AvaGen and Universal Genetic Test Ordering During Coronavirus Pandemic

To Our Eye Care Professionals, Partners and Customers:

I am writing during unprecedented times for doctors and other healthcare providers. Like all of us, I'm certain that the COVID-19 pandemic has altered your personal and practice patterns. The COVID-19 pandemic has given Avellino the opportunity to make an immediate contribution outside of eye care. We have developed a test that can detect the active coronavirus in patients with and without symptoms, which holds significant value in early diagnosis and limiting spread of the disease. Turning our attention to this crisis requires that we temporarily halt shipments of the AvaGen genetic test that identifies the risk of developing keratoconus and the presence of corneal dystrophies, and the Universal Test that detects the presence of corneal dystrophies.

The same Avellino genetic testing labs and resources that support the AvaGen and Universal tests have proven to be critical in meeting the need in helping clinicians diagnose COVID-19, the disease caused by a SARS-CoV-2 virus infection. In order to meet public health demand for our AvellinoCoV2 test, we are adding 24/7 production shifts and putting 100% of the company's resources behind meeting this community health need. This means that we will not ship or process samples of AvaGen or Universal genetic tests for some period of time, depending on the public health demand. Any samples that were already received will be completed.

We appreciate your commitment to using the AvaGen and Universal genetic tests to diagnose and manage your patients with keratoconus and corneal dystrophies. You have our full commitment to making this novel genetic testing platform available to you and your colleagues as soon as we have done our part to help with the COVID-19 crisis.

You can find a link to our latest press release regarding the Avellino CoV2 test for COVID-19 and the temporary freeze on AvaGen and Universal genetic test shipments at www.avellino.com/news. You can find more information on the AvellinoCoV2 test at www.avellinocoronatest.com.

Please contact us at +1 (650) 396-3741 or your Avellino Representative with any questions about the AvaGen or Universal tests.

Thank you for our patience.

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