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## National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory Relocation

On April 1, 2020, the Canadian Blood Services National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) was relocated from Ottawa to the Brampton operations site.

NIRL continues to use highly sophisticated serological methods and molecular testing platforms to provide quality serological investigation, red cell genotype testing, medical consultation and assistance in finding the most suitable components for patients.

Diagnostic Services Ontario and Nunavut Laboratory still remains at the Brampton operations site and continues to provide the same level of referral testing and consultation services to Ontario hospital customers.

As part of the relocation, the following were updated and made available under the Hospital Services tab in the Laboratory Services section of [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) on April 1, 2020:

- Related customer letter: [2020-02](#), Ottawa National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) Relocation to the Brampton operations site.
- Requisition forms were updated with Brampton address and contact information:
  - Request for Serological Investigation (F800437).
  - Request for Blood Group Genotyping (Patient) National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) (F800019).
- The Laboratory Services section of [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) was updated with the most current information including sample requirement, test information, hours of operation, address and contact information.

Kindly use the revised requisitions on [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) and ship patient samples directly to the Brampton operations site. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or contact:

National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory

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Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday – 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM ET

Saturday – 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM ET

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