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### **Lithium Heparin Tubes:**

Currently there is a backorder for lithium heparin tubes (Green PST Tubes). Please visit MercyOne's test catalog to see substitute tubes that can be used for a particular test.

<https://mercyonedesmoineslaboratory.testcatalog.org/>

### **Hazardous Weather may affect MercyOne Outreach Services:**

Due to weather, courier routes and PSC services may be affected.

Heavy snowfall (5-10 inches) is expected over central Iowa. Wind gusting 35-45 mph on Friday and early Saturday will lead to significant blowing and near-whiteout conditions. Bitter cold temperatures will follow the storm.

Anticipate hazardous travel during this time. Share this information with Staff. Encourage staff who are driving into work to ensure they carry an extra blanket or two with some snacks and water in their car in the event they get stranded/stuck. Also remind them to ensure their cell phones are fully charged and their gas tank is full prior to leaving home. Have a small shovel in the car and some kitty litter or sand can be helpful as well.

Stay weather aware!

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