

December 1, 2021

UC Laboratory Clients,

Thank you for choosing UC Laboratory for your laboratory services.

Rate Increase

UC Laboratory is very conscientious of the budgets and costs you all are required to adhere to. We have been able to keep our pricing consistent for the past five plus years. As you are aware, prices for supplies, shipping, labor costs, etc. have risen substantially recently. After much discussion, we have determined that we will need to increase our pricing. Effective January 1, 2022, a 5% increase will be implemented. All current bids will be honored. Please feel free to contact our CEO, Ben Schreder @ 507-995-2995 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Distilled Ammonia Studies

UC Laboratory will be updating our distilled ammonia studies. What does this mean for you? We may be needing extra samples and specific information unique to your facility. If this is the case, someone from the lab will be reaching out directly to you.

Online Survey

UC Laboratory strives to give superior service to all of our customers. We are asking you to take a couple of minutes out of your busy day to take part in an online survey. I can assure you that we will look at every response in order to make everyone's experience with UC Laboratory great. The survey will be available from now until the end of March 2022. Please go to this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3335ZVL>. You should be able to complete the survey on your computer, tablet or mobile device.

Total Coliform and Fecal Coliform Samples

Please make sure that when you are collecting samples for coliform (total or fecal) that you do not overfill the bottle. The methods we use require the sample to be adequately shaken before we analyze. A quick rule of thumb is to fill it to the shoulders of the bottle (slightly over the 100 mL line and leaving enough head space to shake).

Website (www.uclaboratory.net)

You will find the following forms/information on our website: Chain of Custody example, current list of analytes & certified methods, 2022 holiday closures, subcontracted analyte list and contact information update.

Biosolids

The laboratory staff has a favor to ask of you when you are getting ready to send in your biosolids. If at all possible, please contact the lab to let us know when we can expect your sample to arrive. We want to make sure we are staffed to take care of your samples. This is especially important when you are including fecals which have a short holding time.

Subcontracted Analytes

A current list of UC Laboratory MDH accredited analytes is always available to you by either contacting us or at the MDH website. On occasion you will need a sample tested for something that is not on our current scope/certificate. Please know that if this is the case, we will subcontract those samples to an appropriately accredited laboratory. A list of the most common subcontracted analytes and the methods can be found on our website: www.uclaboratory.net If you are needing a method not listed, please contact our office to make arrangements.

Holiday Weeks

Please look over the list of days that UC Laboratory is closed which you will find on our website. Depending on the day of the week that it falls on, we may need to adjust our route days. If you are unsure of when you are being picked up on those days, please feel free to ask your route driver or call the lab.

Update Contact Information

You will find our contact information form located on our website. If your facility has experienced any changes (operator, phone numbers, billing information), please fill out that form and return it to us as soon as possible.

At UC Laboratory, standard turnaround time for most analytical services is 7-10 working days. If analytical results are needed sooner, or a project contains a large amount of samples, please contact UC Laboratory to make arrangements in advance.

All of us at UC Laboratory truly appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Customer service is something we pride ourselves in. Always feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Amy K. Schreader
Quality Manager

Enclosures:

UC Laboratory Sample Acceptance Policy

UC Laboratory Modified Procedure Authorization Form