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MEMORANDUM

TO: BREATH ALCOHOL TEST OPERATORS AND DMT SUPERVISORS
FROM: AMANDA BOLDUC, TOXICOLOGY SECTION SUPERVISOR *Amanda Bolduc*
SUBJECT: BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING DURING OUTBREAK
DATE: MARCH 20, 2020
CC: TSRPS, STATE'S ATTORNEYS, DEFENDER GENERAL

In the interest of public safety regarding impaired driving, please continue to conduct breath alcohol tests as usual. Thorough handwashing is the best way to prevent spread of viruses when we are not able to minimize contact with others, as is often the case for public safety personnel. When handwashing facilities are not accessible and hand sanitizer is used instead, do so *AWAY* from the breath test instrument. Hand sanitizer vapor in the environment of the breath test instrument can cause Ambient Fail or Blank errors on the DMT.

Since the breath test mouthpiece is sealed and single use, there is no additional risk associated with providing a sample. The contact areas of the DMT such as the keyboard, touch screen and exterior of the breath tube can be carefully cleaned with a disinfecting wipe. The instrument should be given sufficient time to completely dry and air out before a testing sequence is begun. If the vapor from a disinfecting wipe causes an Ambient Fail or Blank error, wait a few minutes before attempting to use the instrument. **NEVER USE SPRAY DISINFECTANT ON A DMT.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Toxicology Section at dps.dmt@vermont.gov