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To: All Agencies Collecting DNA Data Bank Samples

From: Linda C. Jackson, Director 

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RE: New Buccal Collection Kit for DNA Data Bank Samples

The Department of Forensic Science has transitioned to a new buccal collection kit for DNA Data Bank samples. The old kits, which came in green envelopes (i.e., "green collection kits"), should continue to be used until supplies are exhausted. The new kits are easily distinguished as they have outside envelopes that are white. The new "white collection kits" include a new collection device and a new two-sided sample submission form that is no longer attached to the submission envelope (see photos below).



Detailed instructions on how to use the new "white collection kits," including a video demonstrating how to properly use the new collection device, are available on the DFS website here:

<https://www.dfs.virginia.gov/laboratory-forensic-services/dna-databank/resources/>

For questions about the new white collection kits, please contact the DNA Data Bank at (804) 786-3789.