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## ASSURANCE SCIENTIFIC LABORATORIES RECEIVES COLA LABORATORY EXCELLENCE AWARD

BIRMINGHAM, AL (August 5, 2021) – Assurance Scientific Labs has received a Laboratory Excellence Award from the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (COLA Inc.) for quality laboratory services.

Assurance Scientific Labs has met all the criteria for Laboratory Accreditation by COLA Inc., a leading national laboratory accreditor whose program and standards enable clinical laboratories and staff to meet U.S. CLIA and other regulatory requirements.

Through a mentoring approach using education to improve quality and patient safety, accreditation is given to laboratories that apply the highest standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey. Assurance Scientific Labs has earned COLA Inc. accreditation to provide quality service to their clients and patients.

"We are proud to have been selected to receive this award", said Dr. Ty Thomas, Co-Founder and Lab Director for Assurance Scientific Labs. "This recognition would not be possible without the tremendous effort put forth by our team members. We are passionate about our mission of antibiotic stewardship through the use of diagnostic testing, which is why we strive for excellence every day."

## About COLA

COLA Inc. is a nonprofit, physician-directed organization promoting quality and excellence in medicine and patient care through programs of voluntary education, achievement, and accreditation. In 1993, COLA Inc. was granted deemed status by CMS to provide laboratory accreditation. As a leading laboratory accreditor in the United States, COLA Inc. is the only laboratory accreditation provider that operates its accreditation program in accordance with a quality management system certified to ISO 9001:2015. This means we offer our customers a unique, standardized program and staff dedicated to satisfaction and laboratory quality. Our surveyors and technical advisors are guided by a coaching approach and uncomplicated quality engineered processes. Laboratories of all types and sizes are evaluated and mentored to produce accurate test results and meet CLIA regulations.

## About Assurance Scientific Laboratories

Assurance Scientific Laboratories, one of the first in the U.S. to begin testing for COVID-19, is a highly complex clinical reference lab with a robust R&D department that develops and provides rapid diagnostic services for consumers, clinicians, hospital systems, private entities, long term care facilities, and other reference labs. They specialize in molecular diagnostics and



microbiology. Assurance Scientific Labs uses PCR for the identification of pathogens that are capable of causing illness. This type of testing is the same that is used to identify COVID-19.

In addition to the COVID-19, they test for over 100 different pathogens and antibiotic resistance markers. Assurance Scientific Labs offer several panels, including COVID Respiratory, UTI, Wound, Fungal Infection, STI, Vaginitis, GI, and Candida panels. They also perform culture and Antimicrobial Sensitivity Testing. Please visit <u>AssuranceScientificLabs.com</u>, email <u>ClientServices@AssuranceScientific.com</u>, or call 855.319.4459 for additional information.

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