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**Frequently Asked Questions Related to Accepting Applications from International Laboratory (IL)  
During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Question 1:** CMS put a hold on accepting applications from international laboratories (IL) during the public health emergency (PHE). Has CMS reinstated accepting applications from ILs?

**Answer:** Yes. CMS has resumed accepting inquiries from ILs seeking CLIA certification. CMS will follow up with all inquiries made during the PHE.

**Question 2:** My IL inquired about applying for a CLIA certificate during the PHE. Will someone in the CLIA office contact me about my inquiry?

**Answer:** Yes. We thank you for your continued interest in applying for a CLIA certificate. We have resumed processing requests for CLIA certification. All inquiries are being managed in the order they were received during the public health emergency.