

DISCONTINUATION

Biological / Spore Test (Kilit) Culture

April 28, 2026

Effective June 1, 2026, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) is discontinuing the LAB8724 KILIT CULTURE (biological spore test incubation/reading).

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Action Needed

Clinics utilizing this PDL service must find an alternative service or approach for the kilit / spore culture testing before June 1, 2026.

Service Discontinuation	For practical and regulatory purposes, PDL will no longer incubate and interpret biological indicators (aka Kilit culture) after May 31, 2026.
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDL historically offered incubation and reading of spore indicators as a courtesy. • Modern testing kit variability presents challenges to standard operating procedures. • Environmental record keeping and resulting is increasingly difficult in our patient-based system.
Assessment	Biological indicator testing is not in scope for clinical laboratory services. Biological indicator (aka Kilit) culture is an environmental test.
Alternative Services	<p>PDL recommends you contact your supply distributor for options. Your sterilization system / autoclave vendor may also offer suggestions.</p> <p>PDL is providing the information below for laboratories that offer mail-in services as well as vendors that offer incubator and biologic indicator options to assist with this change. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list.</p> <p>3M: 3M Sterilization & Monitoring 3M United States</p> <p>Nelson Lab: Biological Indicators (BIs) Sterility Test Nelson Labs</p> <p>Mesa Labs: Life Science Sterilization Control Product Listing Mesa Labs</p> <p>McKesson: Sterilization Biological Indicator Starter Kit - McKesson</p> <p>STERIS: VERIFY Incubators for Biological Indicators BI Incubator STERIS</p>