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TO: All Non 40-Man Roster Players and Minor League Club Personnel

FROM: Minor League Health Policy Advisory Committee

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RE: Minor League Drug Program Sample Collection Equipment

As you may already know, MLB recently upgraded the collection equipment used for urine sample collections under all MLB Drug Programs to the SAFESystem™ by InnoVero. The InnoVero SAFESystem, which is also being used by the United States Anti-Doping Association for anti-doping testing of U.S. Olympic athletes, was developed and designed in collaboration with athletes, laboratories, sample collectors, and anti-doping organizations worldwide to ensure that it meets the needs of every stakeholder throughout the sample collection and analysis process. To guarantee sample security, anti-counterfeit and tamper-evident technologies are integrated directly into the SAFESystem's materials, making it evident to the laboratory if there were attempts to breach the bottles or replicate them. Users are also able to see the locking mechanism engage, and once secured through three audible clicks, the locking mechanism is located inside of the bottle to make it inaccessible to tampering. Additionally, when the partial sample protocol is necessary, a durable storage container allows users to easily and discretely secure a partial sample while it is still in the collection cup until the remainder of the required sample volume is ready to be provided. InnoVero SAFESystem equipment is also the only drug testing equipment independently certified by NSF International, which ensures the highest quality product standards are met. For additional information on the SAFESystem by InnoVero, please see the attached infographic or visit www.innoveroglobal.com.

In addition to updated urine sample collection equipment, MLB has also instituted Dried Blood Spot (DBS) testing at the Minor League level. DBS testing allows for quick and painless collection of a blood sample without the need for a phlebotomist or invasive venous blood draws. The DBS collection device is applied to the upper arm with a light adhesive. A button is then pushed and the device remains on the arm while a small amount of blood fills the collection reservoir. The DBS collection procedure will take approximately three minutes and results in more efficient, convenient and pain-free collections.

The collection procedures contained in Addendum A of the Minor League Drug Program have been updated to reflect these changes to the collection process. Drug Free Sport International collectors have been trained on both the SAFESystem and DBS collection equipment and will be instrumental in instructing players and staff on the changes. MLB is confident that the above changes are significant enhancements and will go a long way to improve the player experience and increase confidence in the sample collection process.