# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K			
CURRENT REPORT			

# Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): October 22, 2019

#### Aptose Biosciences Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Canada (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-32001** (Commission File Number)

98-1136802 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

251 Consumers Road, Suite 1105, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M2J 4R3

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

#### 647-479-9828

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K:	filing is intended to simultaneous	sly satisfy the filing obligation o	of the registrant under any	of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company [X]

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. [X]

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Shares, no par value	APTO	Nasdaq Capital Market

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 22, 2019, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated October 22, 2019

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Aptose Biosciences Inc.

Date: October 22, 2019

By: <u>/s/ Gregory K. Chow</u>
Gregory K. Chow
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# Aptose To Release Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2019 Financial Results and Hold Conference Call on November 5, 2019

SAN DIEGO and TORONTO, Oct. 22, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aptose Biosciences Inc. (NASDAQ: APTO; TSX: APS), a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing first-in-class agents that target the dysregulated processes and signaling pathways of cancer cells and address unmet medical needs of patients with life-threatening hematologic cancers, will release its financial results for the second quarter ended September 30, 2019 on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 after the close of the market.

# Conference Call & Webcast:

### Tuesday, November 5th @ 5:00pm Eastern Time

 Toll-Free:
 1-844-882-7834

 International/Toll:
 1-574-990-9707

 Passcode:
 8417047

 Webcast:
 (Link)

# Replays available through November 12, 2019

 Toll-Free:
 1-855-859-2056

 International/Toll:
 1-404-537-3406

 Replay Passcode:
 8417047

The live conference call can also be accessed through a link on the Investor Relations section of Aptose's website at <u>ir.aptose.com</u>. Please log onto the webcast at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the call to ensure time for any software downloads that may be required. An archived version of the webcast along with a transcript will be available on the company's website for 30 days.

The press release, the financial statements and the management's discussion and analysis for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 will be available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and EDGAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and <a href="https://www.sedar.com">

# **About Aptose Biosciences**

Aptose Biosciences is a clinical-stage biotechnology company committed to developing personalized therapies addressing unmet medical needs in oncology, with an initial focus on hematology. The company's small molecule cancer therapeutics pipeline includes products designed to provide single agent efficacy and to enhance the efficacy of other anti-cancer therapies and regimens without overlapping toxicities. APTO-253, the only known clinical stage agent that directly targets the MYC oncogene and inhibits its expression, is in a Phase 1b clinical trial for the treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) or high risk MDS. CG-806, an oral, first-in-class pan-FLT3/pan-BTK multi-cluster kinase inhibitor being developed to treat AML and certain B cell malignancies, is in a Phase 1 clinical trial for hematologic malignancies. For further information, please visit <a href="https://www.aptose.com">www.aptose.com</a>.

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