U.S. WHO Influenza Collaborating Laboratories
Address Update and Testing/Reporting Methods Assessment

Name: _____Title:_____

Address Update

Please supply the following contact information for your laboratory.

Lab ID #: 83 **Contact Name: _____**

Institution: _____

Department: _____

Address: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number: _____ Fax number: _____

Influenza Testing Methods

Please fax completed survey to 1-888-232-1322 by October 18, 2002.

1. What type of influenza testing does your lab perform? Check all that apply AND indicate method used most frequently by circling.
   - ❑ Antigen detection from original clinical material
   - ❑ Culture
   - ❑ PCR
   - ❑ Other, please specify: _____ _____

2. If your lab is culturing virus, how is the virus type identified?
   - ❑ HAI
     Using WHO kit reagents? Yes No
   - ❑ Fluorescent antibody test
     Using WHO kit reagents? Yes No
     Using commercially available reagents? Yes No
   - ❑ PCR
   - ❑ Other, please specify: _____ _____

3. Does your lab subtype influenza A viruses?
   - ❑ Yes (approximate percentage of isolates subtyped _____)
   - ❑ No

4. If your lab subtypes influenza A viruses, which method is used?
   - ❑ HAI
     Using WHO kit reagents? Yes No
   - ❑ Fluorescent antibody test
     Using WHO kit reagents? Yes No
   - ❑ PCR
   - ❑ Other, please specify: _____ _____

5. If your lab does not routinely subtype influenza A viruses, why not?
   - ❑ Lack of staff
   - ❑ Lack of resources (other than staff)
   - ❑ Not a lab priority
   - ❑ Other, please specify: _____ _____

6. What determines if an isolate is subtyped?
   - ❑ Characteristics of the patient (i.e., age, immune status etc.)
   - ❑ Time of influenza season (i.e., early, peak)
   - ❑ Extenuating Circumstances (i.e., work load of lab, part of an outbreak, etc.)
   - ❑ All influenza A viruses are subtyped
   - ❑ Other, please specify:_____

7. How confident are you that your lab would recognize an unusual subtype of influenza A?
   - ❑ Very confident
   - ❑ Somewhat confident
   - ❑ Not at all confident

8. Does your lab conduct year-round influenza surveillance?
   - ❑ Yes
   - ❑ No

9. If your lab does not conduct year round surveillance, why not?
   - ❑ Lack of necessary personnel
   - ❑ Lack of necessary supplies
   - ❑ No requests submitted
   - ❑ Other, please specify: _____ _____

10. What is the highest bio-safety level available at your lab?
    - ❑ BSL 2
    - ❑ BSL 3
    - ❑ BSL 3+

11. What best describes the origin of specimens your lab receives? Please rank order the following sources from 1 (source from which you obtain the most specimens) to 6 (source from which you receive the least specimens).
    - ____ Sentinel surveillance sites
    - ____ Local health departments
    - ____ Managed care
    - ____ Private physicians
    - ____ Hospitals
    - ____ Other, please specify: _____ _____

Influenza Reporting Methods

12. During which weekly reporting period does your lab report specimens tested to CDC?
    - ❑ Week the specimen was collected
    - ❑ Week specimen was received
    - ❑ Week test result was determined
    - ❑ Other, please specify: _____ _____

13. During which weekly reporting period does your lab report isolates (positive) to CDC?

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- ❑ Week the specimen was collected
- ❑ Week specimen was received
- ❑ Week test result was determined
- ❑ Other, please specify: _____
  _____

14. Does your lab report positive isolates during the same weekly reporting period as the corresponding specimen (are the positives reported for a given week a subset of the reported specimens tested for that same week)?
    - ❑ Yes
    - ❑ No

15. Does your lab maintain a computerized database of specimens received and tested?
    - ❑ Yes
    - ❑ No

16. Does your lab report influenza surveillance data to CDC electronically (PHLIS)?
    - ❑ Yes
    - ❑ No

    a. If no, why not: _____
       _____
       _____

17. If an Internet data entry site for influenza surveillance were created, would your lab use it to report influenza surveillance?
    - ❑ Yes
    - ❑ No, because: _____
      _____
      _____

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