

U.S World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Laboratories Influenza Testing Methods Assessment

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Lab Name:

Lab ID Number:

1. Does your lab test specimens that have already been tested for influenza (prescreened) prior to receipt by your laboratory AND the results of that test influence whether or not the sample is submitted?

- No, the samples are not prescreened OR the results have no impact on the decision of which samples are sent
- Yes, we receive at least some prescreened samples throughout the year.
  - o Approximate % prescreened \_\_\_\_\_%
- Yes, we receive prescreened samples, but only during certain times of the year.
  - o Timeframe \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Approximate % prescreened \_\_\_\_\_%

2. If you answered 'Yes' in previous question, what specimens do you request from prescreening sites?

- A pos. only
- A and B pos. only
- A, B pos. and small # of negative
- Other  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What influenza testing methods does your lab conduct? (check all that apply and give approximate percentage of specimens tested by each method. Total % may be > 100%)

- Commercial rapid diagnostic \_\_\_\_\_ %
- Viral culture \_\_\_\_\_ %
- Immunofluorescent antibody testing \_\_\_\_\_ %
- RT-PCR \_\_\_\_\_ %
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What best describes the origin of specimens received in the last year? 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).

- \_\_\_\_ ILINet surveillance sites
- \_\_\_\_ Local health departments
- \_\_\_\_ Managed care
- \_\_\_\_ Private physicians
- \_\_\_\_ Hospitals
- \_\_\_\_ Other  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does your lab test for respiratory viruses *other* than influenza? If yes, please answer a and b below.

- No
- Yes
  - a) In what situations do you test respiratory specimens for respiratory viruses other than influenza? (check all that apply)
    - If initial screening results are negative for influenza
    - During the summer or fall when influenza circulation is not suspected
    - If a particular viral pathogen is suspected due to clinical symptoms
    - If a clinician requests the test
    - As part of a panel to screen for respiratory viruses
    - Never
    - Other  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Does your lab use a multiplex PCR respiratory virus assay? If yes, please specify assay used.
    - No
    - Yes  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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