

U.S. Influenza Collaborating Laboratories Influenza Testing Methods Assessment

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 positive only
 - A and B positive only
 - A, B positive and small # of negative
 - Other

Specify: _____

3. 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: _____

4. 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: _____

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: _____

6. Does your lab plan to perform influenza B lineage testing using the available CDC PCR assay?
 - Yes, all B viruses
 - Yes, a subset of B viruses
 - No
 - Undecided

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