



**MLS Laboratory Update
Faxing Influenza Results – Request for
Information
Please Respond if Appropriate
July 16, 2009**



****Please forward** this message to all appropriate personnel within your institution and any CLINIC or PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE with which you are affiliated**

This is an update from the Minnesota Department of Health – Public Health Laboratory (MDH-PHL) and the Minnesota Laboratory System (MLS). This message is being sent to MLS laboratory contacts serving Minnesota residents.

Is Your Lab Interested in Receiving Faxed Influenza Results?

In an effort to expedite reporting of influenza testing results to your facility, MDH-Public Health Laboratory will soon be offering a faxing option – for influenza results ONLY.

If you would like to receive influenza results by fax, please complete the short survey (7 questions) by clicking on the link. The deadline for completion is Friday July 24th.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/phl/survey/flufax2009.htm>

Important Instructions for Completing the Survey

1. If multiple individuals receive this message at your facility, please coordinate your responses.
2. Before starting the survey, you will need to know the following information: if your fax system is HIPAA compliant, fax number for the receipt of influenza results, days of the week/times your fax system is available for receiving results, and one or two fax contact person(s), email address, and phone number.
3. If you are the laboratory contact (i.e. coordinator, technical consultant, etc.) for several clinics in a system, please submit a survey for each location that you oversee.

Thank you for your assistance as we prepare for the up-coming influenza season.

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