



**MLS Laboratory Update
August 17th Teleconference for Labs Considering
Implementation of Influenza PCR Testing
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What: Teleconference for laboratories that are considering implementation of Influenza PCR testing in their laboratories

When: Monday August 17, 2009 at 9:00 – 10:00 am

Who: MN Department of Health, Public Health Laboratory and Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control staff

Agenda:

- 1) Brief update on current H1N1 situation
- 2) Brief announcement about CDC rapid influenza testing guidance
- 3) PCR Testing and Validation – background of FDA involvement, what we know today, what MDH-PHL can do to help

How to sign-up:

If your laboratory is interested in implementing influenza PCR testing in your laboratory and would like to listen in on this teleconference, please reply to this email with your name and facility, so that we can send you the call-in information. Also, if you have specific questions about influenza PCR testing, please include them in a reply to this email prior to the teleconference so that we can try to answer them on the call.

Thanks,

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