



**MLS Laboratory - H1N1 Update #22  
Influenza Testing Status for MDH-PHL  
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**MDH-PHL Laboratory Testing Criteria - UNCHANGED**

This message serves as a reminder that MDH-PHL laboratory testing criteria for influenza has not changed. MDH-PHL will ONLY test submitted specimens for novel H1N1 influenza among patients with ILI who are:

- (1) Hospitalized (or deceased following ILI illness);
- (2) Have had DIRECT contact with pigs in the 7 days prior to their symptom onset or during their illness (e.g., swine worker); or
- (3) Are part of a cluster investigation or other unusual circumstance, for which MDH epidemiology at 651-201-5414 or 1-877-676-5414 has been consulted and has specifically requested the submission of specimens.

**NOTE:** MDH-PHL will NOT be doing any routine influenza testing over the Labor Day weekend.

**Important Links**

MLS Laboratory Influenza website: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/phl/mls/diseaselinks.html#flu>

Latest CDC guidance for rapid influenza testing: [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/rapid\\_testing.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/rapid_testing.htm)

Latest CDC guidance on laboratory biosafety: [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines\\_labworkers.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_labworkers.htm)

MDH H1N1 Novel Influenza website:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/h1n1/index.html>

CDC H1N1 Novel Influenza website: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu>

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