



**MLS: Influenza Laboratory Update #3
New CDC Influenza Publications
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Purpose of this Message:

To call your attention to three recently published CDC documents regarding bacterial co-infections and diagnostic testing for influenza. The documents are helpful resources to laboratorians and should be shared with other clinicians.

- CDC Interim Recommendations for Clinical Use of Influenza Diagnostic Tests During the 2009 – 10 Influenza Season (September 29, 2009)
http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/diagnostic_tests.htm
- MMWR: Bacterial Coinfections in Lung Tissue Specimens from Fatal Cases of 2009 Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1)-United States, May-August, 2009 (September 29, 2009)
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm58e0929a1.htm?s_cid=rr58e0929a1_e
- MMWR: Performance of Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests During Two School Outbreaks of 2009 Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection – Connecticut, 2009 (September 25, 2009)
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5837a1.htm?s_cid=mm5837a1_e

Documents on MLS Website

These 3 documents are also found on the MDH/MLS Influenza website. All are advised to frequently check the website since links are regularly updated as the 2009-2010 influenza season evolves. The site can be found by going to the MLS homepage www.health.state.mn.us/mls under “Disease Specific Information” under “Influenza”, or directly link to:
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/phl/mls/diseaselinks.html#flu>

Thank You,

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