



**MLS Update: Influenza Laboratory Update #8  
Influenza PCR Testing – Survey Results Posted  
February 4, 2010**



**Purpose of this Message**

To provide feedback to laboratories regarding the short influenza PCR survey that was initiated on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Survey Data Now Available**

The summary for the Influenza PCR Testing data from the 42 laboratories that responded (4 power point slides) is now posted on the MLS website at this URL:

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

**Background**

The MLS Influenza Update #7 dated January 13, included a request to complete a short survey regarding in-house or referral of influenza PCR testing. We appreciate receiving your input on the survey as a means of better understand the change in influenza testing methodologies in the laboratory community.

**Still Time to Complete Survey**

If you have not already provided your facility's PCR testing information we will still accept your input and recalculate the data. The three question influenza PCR testing survey is available by clicking on this link: <https://survey.vovici.com/se.ashx?s=56206EE333395732>

**More Information to Come**

For those labs that indicated on the survey that they are currently (or will be at a future date) performing influenza PCR testing, we will contact you via email, to clarify specific specimen submission to MDH-PHL.

Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation in the State's response to influenza.

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