Update #4 on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)
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Target audience: Clinical laboratories

Current Information:
This is a rapidly evolving situation. This document is based on currently available information. Updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

- REMINDER: MDCH Bureau of Laboratories is hosting an EVD Informational call that will be held Friday, October 24th, 2014 at 2PM
  - Purpose of the call is to update and review the current EVD activities and provide time for laboratory partners to share their EVD planning efforts, ideas and preparations.
    - Call: 1-888-363-4734
    - Access code: 8426521
- Turn-around time for testing results
  - MDCH BOL is performing analysis for EVD on specimens approved for testing.
  - Contact MDCH before any specimens are collected and submitted.
  - Testing at MDCH BOL is available 7 days a week
  - Negative and presumptive positive results are available within 24 hours of specimen receipt at MDCH BOL
  - Confirmation of positive results is performed by CDC - allow at least an additional 24-48 hours.
- Updated PPE Guidance
  - CDC has released new guidance for US healthcare workers on PPE for use when managing patients with EVD. The guidance emphasizes the following key principles:
    - Rigorous and repeated training of healthcare workers in proper procedures for putting on and taking off PPE
    - No skin exposed when the PPE is worn when in direct contact with patient
    - Healthcare workers are supervised by a trained monitor, to ensure proper use of PPE

Steps for laboratories to take now
Please share this information with others in your facility.

Further Information
More information is available at the following:
Under “What’s New” on the MDCH BOL website: http://www.michigan.gov/mdchlab
MDCH EVD website: http://www.michigan.gov/ebola
CDC EVD website at: http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html

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