Update #3 on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)
Friday October 17, 2014

Target audience: Clinical laboratories

New Information:
- 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.
  - Two tubes, each with a minimum volume of 4mL whole blood preserved with EDTA (purple top) in plastic collection tubes are submitted for EVD testing.
  - MDCH sends one of the tubes to CDC for further testing/confirmation.
  - Testing at MDCH is completed within a few hours, but MDCH cannot release the results until authorized by CDC. For confirmation of the initial testing by CDC, please allow 24-48 hours.

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

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

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

Questions
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