



## 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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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