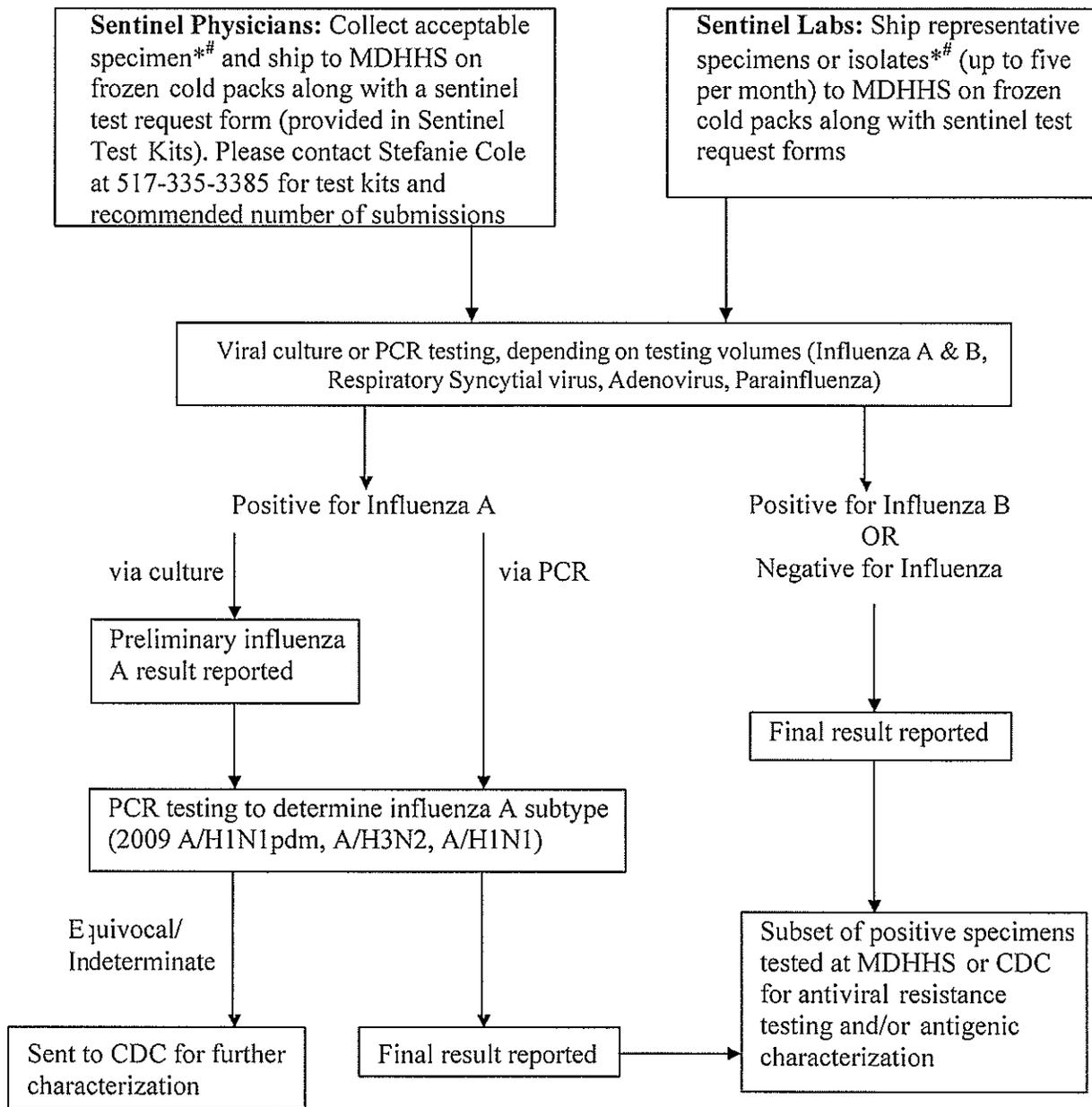


**Influenza Testing Algorithm for Sentinel Physicians and Sentinel Laboratories
for the 2015–2016 Influenza Season
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)**

NOTE: If you are unsure whether you are enrolled as a sentinel physician or laboratory, or if you would like to enroll in this program, please consult your local health department or MDHHS (517-335-3385 for physicians; 517-335-8165 for labs).



* Acceptable specimens: NP swab in viral transport medium (VTM) or saline (PBS); Dual NP/OP swabs in VTM or PBS; Throat swab in VTM or PBS; Nasal aspirates; Nasal swab in VTM or PBS; Broncheolar lavage, Bronchial wash, sputum (PCR only), lung tissue; viral isolates. **DO NOT SUBMIT MULTIPLE SAMPLES ON THE SAME PATIENT** unless by special arrangement.

Swabs used in influenza rapid diagnostic tests cannot be reused for MDHHS testing. Consider collecting two swabs so that one may be reserved for MDHHS confirmatory testing if needed. Alternatively, an aliquot of the original specimen may be submitted.