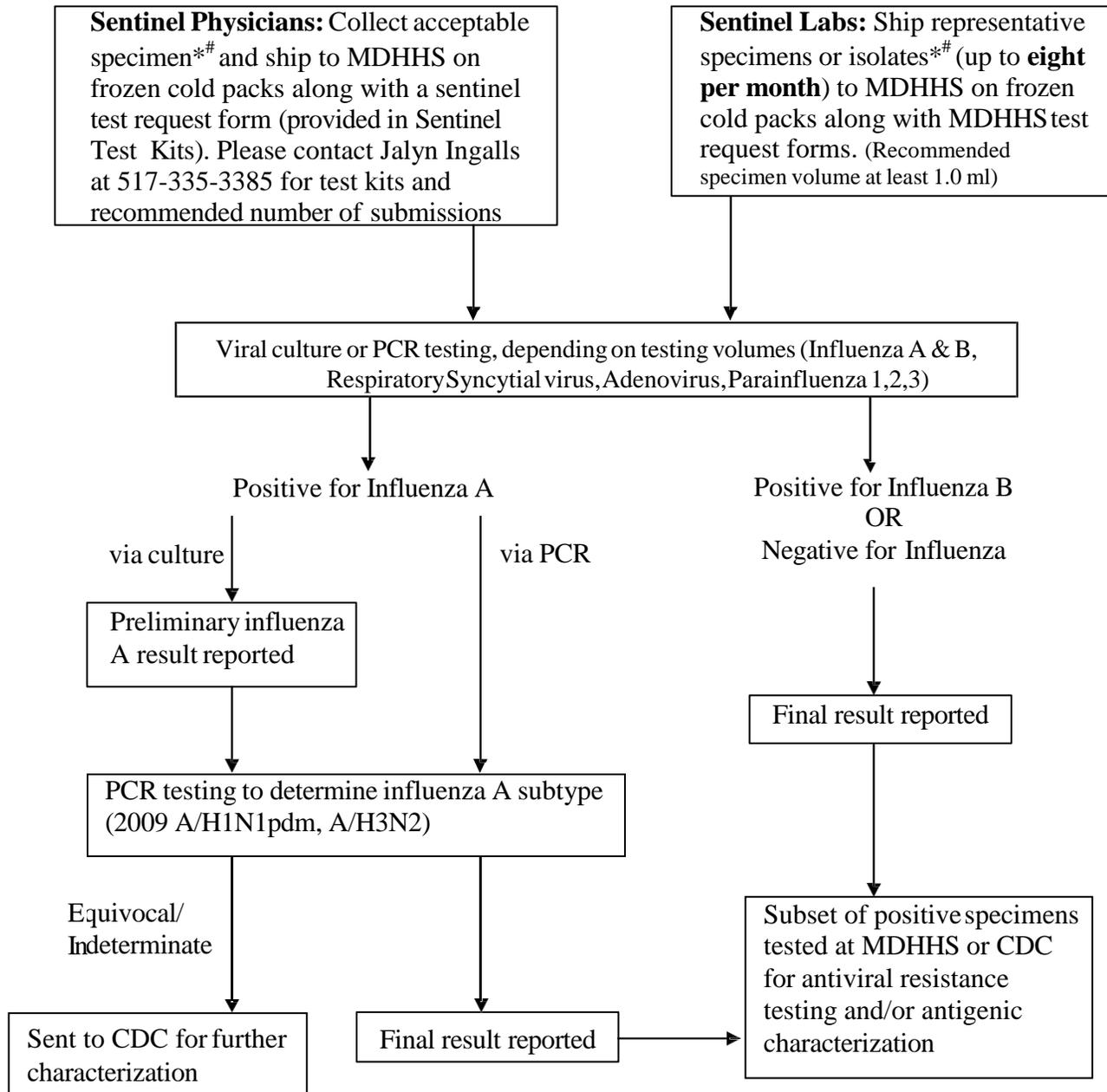


# Influenza Testing Algorithm for Sentinel Physicians and Sentinel Laboratories for the 2016–2017 Influenza Season

## Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

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



\* 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.