



## 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 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.**
  - 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>

#### Questions

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