

# Influenza Surveillance, Reporting and Testing Guidance for Laboratories 2023-2024 Influenza Season

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This guidance outlines Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommendations on influenza surveillance, testing, and reporting for healthcare providers. Future updates may be issued as needed in the setting of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional guidance for influenza testing, reporting, and investigation can be found at [www.michigan.gov/cdinfo](http://www.michigan.gov/cdinfo) and [www.michigan.gov/cdinfo](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,4570,7-323_7-324_7-325_7-326_7-327_7-328_7-329_7-330_7-331_7-332_7-333_7-334_7-335_7-336_7-337_7-338_7-339_7-340_7-341_7-342_7-343_7-344_7-345_7-346_7-347_7-348_7-349_7-350_7-351_7-352_7-353_7-354_7-355_7-356_7-357_7-358_7-359_7-360_7-361_7-362_7-363_7-364_7-365_7-366_7-367_7-368_7-369_7-370_7-371_7-372_7-373_7-374_7-375_7-376_7-377_7-378_7-379_7-380_7-381_7-382_7-383_7-384_7-385_7-386_7-387_7-388_7-389_7-390_7-391_7-392_7-393_7-394_7-395_7-396_7-397_7-398_7-399_7-400_7-401_7-402_7-403_7-404_7-405_7-406_7-407_7-408_7-409_7-410_7-411_7-412_7-413_7-414_7-415_7-416_7-417_7-418_7-419_7-420_7-421_7-422_7-423_7-424_7-425_7-426_7-427_7-428_7-429_7-430_7-431_7-432_7-433_7-434_7-435_7-436_7-437_7-438_7-439_7-440_7-441_7-442_7-443_7-444_7-445_7-446_7-447_7-448_7-449_7-450_7-451_7-452_7-453_7-454_7-455_7-456_7-457_7-458_7-459_7-460_7-461_7-462_7-463_7-464_7-465_7-466_7-467_7-468_7-469_7-470_7-471_7-472_7-473_7-474_7-475_7-476_7-477_7-478_7-479_7-480_7-481_7-482_7-483_7-484_7-485_7-486_7-487_7-488_7-489_7-490_7-491_7-492_7-493_7-494_7-495_7-496_7-497_7-498_7-499_7-500_7-501_7-502_7-503_7-504_7-505_7-506_7-507_7-508_7-509_7-510_7-511_7-512_7-513_7-514_7-515_7-516_7-517_7-518_7-519_7-520_7-521_7-522_7-523_7-524_7-525_7-526_7-527_7-528_7-529_7-530_7-531_7-532_7-533_7-534_7-535_7-536_7-537_7-538_7-539_7-540_7-541_7-542_7-543_7-544_7-545_7-546_7-547_7-548_7-549_7-550_7-551_7-552_7-553_7-554_7-555_7-556_7-557_7-558_7-559_7-560_7-561_7-562_7-563_7-564_7-565_7-566_7-567_7-568_7-569_7-570_7-571_7-572_7-573_7-574_7-575_7-576_7-577_7-578_7-579_7-580_7-581_7-582_7-583_7-584_7-585_7-586_7-587_7-588_7-589_7-590_7-591_7-592_7-593_7-594_7-595_7-596_7-597_7-598_7-599_7-600_7-601_7-602_7-603_7-604_7-605_7-606_7-607_7-608_7-609_7-610_7-611_7-612_7-613_7-614_7-615_7-616_7-617_7-618_7-619_7-620_7-621_7-622_7-623_7-624_7-625_7-626_7-627_7-628_7-629_7-630_7-631_7-632_7-633_7-634_7-635_7-636_7-637_7-638_7-639_7-640_7-641_7-642_7-643_7-644_7-645_7-646_7-647_7-648_7-649_7-650_7-651_7-652_7-653_7-654_7-655_7-656_7-657_7-658_7-659_7-660_7-661_7-662_7-663_7-664_7-665_7-666_7-667_7-668_7-669_7-670_7-671_7-672_7-673_7-674_7-675_7-676_7-677_7-678_7-679_7-680_7-681_7-682_7-683_7-684_7-685_7-686_7-687_7-688_7-689_7-690_7-691_7-692_7-693_7-694_7-695_7-696_7-697_7-698_7-699_7-700_7-701_7-702_7-703_7-704_7-705_7-706_7-707_7-708_7-709_7-710_7-711_7-712_7-713_7-714_7-715_7-716_7-717_7-718_7-719_7-720_7-721_7-722_7-723_7-724_7-725_7-726_7-727_7-728_7-729_7-730_7-731_7-732_7-733_7-734_7-735_7-736_7-737_7-738_7-739_7-740_7-741_7-742_7-743_7-744_7-745_7-746_7-747_7-748_7-749_7-750_7-751_7-752_7-753_7-754_7-755_7-756_7-757_7-758_7-759_7-760_7-761_7-762_7-763_7-764_7-765_7-766_7-767_7-768_7-769_7-770_7-771_7-772_7-773_7-774_7-775_7-776_7-777_7-778_7-779_7-780_7-781_7-782_7-783_7-784_7-785_7-786_7-787_7-788_7-789_7-790_7-791_7-792_7-793_7-794_7-795_7-796_7-797_7-798_7-799_7-800_7-801_7-802_7-803_7-804_7-805_7-806_7-807_7-808_7-809_7-810_7-811_7-812_7-813_7-814_7-815_7-816_7-817_7-818_7-819_7-820_7-821_7-822_7-823_7-824_7-825_7-826_7-827_7-828_7-829_7-830_7-831_7-832_7-833_7-834_7-835_7-836_7-837_7-838_7-839_7-840_7-841_7-842_7-843_7-844_7-845_7-846_7-847_7-848_7-849_7-850_7-851_7-852_7-853_7-854_7-855_7-856_7-857_7-858_7-859_7-860_7-861_7-862_7-863_7-864_7-865_7-866_7-867_7-868_7-869_7-870_7-871_7-872_7-873_7-874_7-875_7-876_7-877_7-878_7-879_7-880_7-881_7-882_7-883_7-884_7-885_7-886_7-887_7-888_7-889_7-890_7-891_7-892_7-893_7-894_7-895_7-896_7-897_7-898_7-899_7-900_7-901_7-902_7-903_7-904_7-905_7-906_7-907_7-908_7-909_7-910_7-911_7-912_7-913_7-914_7-915_7-916_7-917_7-918_7-919_7-920_7-921_7-922_7-923_7-924_7-925_7-926_7-927_7-928_7-929_7-930_7-931_7-932_7-933_7-934_7-935_7-936_7-937_7-938_7-939_7-940_7-941_7-942_7-943_7-944_7-945_7-946_7-947_7-948_7-949_7-950_7-951_7-952_7-953_7-954_7-955_7-956_7-957_7-958_7-959_7-960_7-961_7-962_7-963_7-964_7-965_7-966_7-967_7-968_7-969_7-970_7-971_7-972_7-973_7-974_7-975_7-976_7-977_7-978_7-979_7-980_7-981_7-982_7-983_7-984_7-985_7-986_7-987_7-988_7-989_7-990_7-991_7-992_7-993_7-994_7-995_7-996_7-997_7-998_7-999_8000) 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## ***Recommended Reporting***

- Unusual or atypical presentations of influenza
- Severe or hospitalized (ICU) cases
- Pregnancy-associated cases

Prompt reporting of these individual cases to your local health department is requested.

## **Influenza Testing**

- Submission of influenza-positive specimens to MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) from a representative sample of outpatients, hospitalizations, and adult deaths is encouraged throughout the year. **Please send up to 10 positive influenza specimens per month.** Specimen submission from all *pediatric deaths* and cases associated with *congregate facility respiratory outbreaks* should be prioritized.
- MDHHS BOL will utilize RT-PCR testing for Influenza A and B. Influenza A subtyping or influenza B lineage determination is performed on all influenza-positive specimens. A subset will be sent for genetic sequencing.
- For influenza-like illness specimens without a known etiology (e.g. outbreak specimens) MDHHS will initially perform multiplex PCR testing for Influenza A, B, and SARS-CoV-2. Complete test requisition form [MDHHS-5895 Influenza SARS-CoV-2 Multiplex Assay \(Flu SC2\)](#).
- See updated [MDHHS Antiviral Resistance Information](#) for requests for antiviral resistance testing. Approved specimens will be forwarded to the Wadsworth-New York State Department of Health Laboratory.
- **All suspect variant, novel, or zoonotic-transmission specimens should be immediately submitted to MDHHS BOL for confirmatory testing and characterization.**
- Healthcare providers and labs should consider the low positive predictive value of rapid influenza diagnostic tests (i.e. false positives) during times of low influenza prevalence in the community. Confirmatory testing at MDHHS should be sought for rapid test-positive specimens (or negative specimens) from patients with a high clinical index of suspicion for influenza. Please include all clinical testing results **AND inpatient or outpatient status** on the MDHHS test requisition form.
- The MDHHS Microbiology/Virology Test Requisition Form DCH-0583 should continue to be used for submitting influenza positive specimens. Specimens requiring both influenza and SARS CoV-2 testing (unknown etiology outbreaks) should be accompanied by test form [MDHHS-5895 Influenza SARS-CoV-2 Multiplex Assay \(Flu SC2\)](#).

**Please remember to record Patient Status (Inpatient, Outpatient) on the MDHHS Test Requisition Form for ALL submitted influenza specimens**