

Swine (H1N1) Influenza Testing Update **(Updated daily – please check regularly for most current information)**

Marshfield Labs encourages clients to follow the guidelines provided by both Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) for guidance on how to approach patients with a travel history in areas currently affected by the Swine Influenza A virus.

For patients presenting with signs and influenza-like symptoms, i.e., fever >100 degrees, cough or sore throat, myalgia and appropriate travel history it is reasonable to test for Swine Influenza. At this time, this testing is performed at the WSLH following DPH approval. The following describes the submission process:

1. Contact DPH (Monday-Friday at 608-266-5326; after hours 608-258-0099) for approval to submit specimen and complete the Case Report form (FAX or submit with specimen) which may be found at:

http://srdweb1/clinic/dept/ic/Current_Events/Wisconsin%20Novel%20Influenza%20Case%20Report%20Form%2026Apr09.pdf.

2. Complete the WSLH enhanced surveillance form to be included with submission:

http://srdweb1/clinic/dept/ic/Current_Events/Wisconsin%20swine%20influenza%20surveillance%20and%20testing%20guidelines%2026Apr09.pdf

Forms can also be obtained from Marshfield Labs by calling Customer Service at 800-222-5835. The WSLH enhanced surveillance form must accompany the specimen or the specimen will not be processed. Specimens should be sent directly to WSLH, ideally within 24 hours. Do not freeze specimen but rather ship on wet ice or with an ice pack.

Marshfield Labs Contacts:

Specimen collection: Customer Service: 800-222-5835
Laboratory consultations: Thomas Fritsche, MD, PhD: 800-222-5835
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Useful Links:

National/International: <http://www.cdc.gov> for information on all aspects of the pandemic
Wisconsin specific: <http://www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov> to get current (day/time stamped) updates from the Wisconsin Department of Public Health
Veterinary specific: http://www.avma.org/public_health/influenza/default.asp
<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome> see H1N1 virus
<http://www.aasv.org/>
<http://www.avma.org/>
<http://www.pork.org/>
<http://www.wvma.org/>