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RECIPIENT INSTRUCTIONS: Local Health Public Health Agencies - for your information

HEALTH UPDATE

Updated requirements for submitting specimens for enterovirus-D68 (EV-D68) testing

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KEY POINTS:

- ≡ Testing specific for EV-D68 is only available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Labs **must call** CDPHE Communicable Disease Epidemiology Section (303-692-2700) before submitting specimens to CDPHE lab for forwarding to CDC or before submitting specimens to CDC directly.
 - ≡ CDPHE will only forward rhinovirus/enterovirus positive specimens.
 - ≡ When submitting rhinovirus/enterovirus positive specimens to the CDPHE lab for forwarding to CDC, several forms are required:
 - standard CDPHE lab requisition form (form 270)
 - CDC "DASH" form (<http://www.cdc.gov/laboratory/specimen-submission/pdf/form-50-34.pdf>)
 - [CDC Enterovirus D68 Patient Summary form](http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/downloads/EV68-PatientSummaryForm.pdf) (<http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/downloads/EV68-PatientSummaryForm.pdf>).
 - Line list if multiple specimens (call 303-692-2700 to obtain a template)
- Specimens will not be processed or forwarded without these forms.** Fax completed forms to (303)782-0338. Both CDC forms must be completed even if submitting specimens directly to the CDC lab.
- ≡ Please note that CDC is currently prioritizing (1) respiratory specimens from patients with severe illness who are known to be positive for rhinovirus/enterovirus from initial screening assays, and (2) specimens from states where no EV-D86 has been confirmed. Timing of testing at CDC will not be useful for immediate clinical management.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/EV-D68.html>

