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*Memorandum of Understanding*

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Among:


Montana DPHHS Public Health Laboratory (MTPHL)  
North Dakota Public Health Laboratory (NDPHL)


RE: Emergency Response Surge Capacity Testing

In the event that MTPHL is unable to perform routine molecular testing (*Influenza A& B, Norovirus, Pertussis, Herpes Simplex Virus, Varicella Zoster Virus, and Enterovirus*) due to a naturally occurring or man-made disaster, the following signatories agree that NDPHL may be asked to perform essential molecular testing with the following provisions:

- Testing will be limited to specimens where results are needed for urgent patient management decisions or outbreak ascertainment.
- MTPHL will utilize overnight carriers to transport specimens to NDPHL in the most rapid manner available.
- Anticipated volume is approximately 0-5 specimens per day.
- NDPHL will perform the requested molecular test on each specimen referred to them.
- NDPHL will report results by e-mail or fax within 24 hours of test completion to the MTPHL for entry into the MTPHL LIS.
- MTPHL will be responsible for notifying providers of results of positive results, and for any necessary follow-up activities.
- All positive specimens will be referred back to MTPHL for storage and for potential future epidemiologic needs.
- NDPHL will bill the MTPHL for testing at NDPHL's current fee schedule.

Parties agree to communicate sufficiently to ensure routine molecular testing is performed in an appropriate and expeditious manner.

  
Myra Kosse, Laboratory Director      Date  
North Dakota Public Health Laboratory      3-1-11

  
Anne H. Weber, MS, Bureau Chief      Date  
MT DPHHS Laboratory Services Bureau      3/8/11