

## Testing Decedents for Novel Influenza

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- May 23, 2009, CDC released the *Guidelines for the Submission of Tissue Specimens for the Pathologic Evaluation of Influenza Virus Infection*  
– <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/tissuesubmission.htm>

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- ADPH has not requested decedent NP swab specimen at this time
- No data to support decedents NP swab specimens and RT-PCR

## Parallel Study

- ADPH and ADFS agreed to conduct a parallel study on decedent with suspected novel influenza
- If Coroners want the decedent to be tested, send for a ME post-mortem examine
- ME will collect both tissue and NP swab specimens
- The tissue will be sent to CDC and the NP swab sent to ADPH BCL

## After the Study

- Once study is completed
- If specimens are validated by both labs, then ADPH will provide specimen collection kits upon request
- If specimens are not validated by both labs, then only the tissue specimens will be collected