INFLUENZA

QUICK GUIDE FOR INFLUENZA SPECIMEN SUBMISSION

If influenza A or B is detected, specific virus lineage will be determined. If influenza A or B is not detected, specimens will be tested for other pathogens.

COLLECT

Collect 2 specimens per week from patients with ILI from separate households plus any from the list below:

Hospitalized patients
Pregnant women
Patients with recent international travel
Patients reporting exposure to pigs
Patients reporting exposure to backyard flock

Submit specimens year round
ILI symptoms include: fever of at least 100° F, oral or equivalent, and cough and/or sore throat, without a known cause other than influenza

SUBMIT

Log in to your facility's State Lab Web Portal
Print a bar code for shipping
Patient results will be received electronically

To sign up for the Web Portal contact Ron Howard at 334-260-3409 or ron.howard@adph.state.al.us or complete a requisition form online www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcl/assets/BCL_Requisition_Form.pdf

SHIP

Specimens must be received within 7 days of collection.
Ship specimens Monday – Thursday via UPS
or drop off at your local health department to be couriered to:

Bureau of Clinical Laboratories
8140 AUM Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117

ORDER

To order additional flu test kits:

Email FluTestKit@adph.state.al.us
Enter "flu test kit" in subject line. Explain what you need (i.e., entire flu test kit, individual items such as cooler, ice packs, Dacron swabs, viral/universal transport media, etc.)

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