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TO: Submitters of SARS-CoV-2 and/or Influenza Specimens to the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory

FROM: Joshua Featherston
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DATE: September 24, 2021

RE: SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Testing

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) would like to highlight an upcoming expansion to the SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza laboratory services we currently provide.

Beginning October 1, 2021, the MSPHL will begin using the CDC Influenza SARS-CoV-2 (Flu SC2) Multiplex Assay on all specimens received for SARS-CoV-2 and/or Influenza testing. With this implementation, all specimens received by the MSPHL for SARS-CoV-2 and/or Influenza analysis will receive diagnostic results for the detection of SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, and Influenza B. The sample types accepted for the new assay will not change.

Submitters that use the Lab Web Portal (LWP) to create an electronic test order, beginning on October 1st, 2021, submitters will need to select the “Influenza and SARS-CoV-2 PCR (COVID-19)” test option. When receiving results in the LWP, submitters will continue to see the COVID-19 result on the main screen, but the Influenza A and Influenza B results will be found on the final report.

For all others that do not use Lab Web Portal, the submission processes to MSPHL is not changing at this time and will likely remain unchanged.

The MSPHL is excited about these enhancements to our testing services for SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza, and it is our hope that these updates will provide your operation with better tools as we move into the 2021-2022 Influenza season. The MSPHL values the partnership we have with your facility and we look forward to continuing to provide you with quality laboratory services. If you have any questions regarding any of these changes, please feel free to contact the Molecular Unit directly at 573-751-1073 or email Joshua Featherston, Acting Unit Chief, at joshua.featherston@health.mo.gov.

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