

State Hygienic Laboratory and Iowa Department of Public Health Influenza Surveillance Testing Guidance 2024/2025

Contact Iowa Health and Human Services or SHL for guidance in the event of an outbreak

- **All Labs- submit 2 positive flu specimens per week per facility to SHL for PCR and subtyping (2 Flu A or 2 Flu B or one of each) Can submit additional specimens of interest as needed, but do not send all positives.**
- **All Labs- submit 1 positive Sars-CoV-2 (COVID) positive per week per facility for Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS)**

SHL confirmatory influenza testing serves the following purposes:

- Demonstrates predictive value of rapid tests
 - Situational awareness- when and where flu is circulating
 - Novel virus detection
 - Contribute samples to CDC and WHO- antiviral resistance, vaccine strain selection and match to current vaccine
 - Surveillance testing is provided at no cost and is partially supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Thank you for your support of this program!**

IowaHSS 800-362-2736 <https://hhs.iowa.gov/center-acute-disease-epidemiology/iowa-influenza-surveillance>

SHL 319-335-4500 <http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/dcd/influenza/index.xml>