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Clinical Guidance on Testing Patients for Swine Influenza

Due to the fluidity of the swine flu situation, providers should continually check for updates on the current situation. The Kent County Health Department will be providing updates to providers via fax as well as the KCHD web page at www.accesskent.com/swineflu. Clinicians should also monitor www.cdc.gov/swineflu for information on the situation nationally.

Attached is an updated laboratory testing algorithm from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). Please note that if a patient **in an outpatient** setting is suspected of having swine flu, the clinician should contact the Kent County Health Department at 616-632-7228 to coordinate testing. **If a patient is hospitalized**, clinicians should immediately contact MDCH directly at 517-335-8165 for guidance on specimen collection and testing.

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