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Enterovirus D68 Update

CDC has recently provided the following guidance related to Enterovirus D68:

- Hand washing with soap and water is recommended, as hand sanitizers are minimally effective against this virus.
- Standard, contact, and droplet precautions are recommended for use with persons with suspected Enterovirus infection.
- Bleach is recommended for environmental cleaning.

At this time, CDC will perform typing testing for surveillance purposes in the following situations:

- Hospitals experiencing increased numbers (above baseline) of admissions (especially to pediatric ICUs) due to respiratory infection. CDC is especially interested in performing typing on specimens that have already tested positive for enterovirus infection.
- Clusters of unknown respiratory illness among populations of any age that are in close contact, such as residential facilities.

Testing can be initiated by calling CADE at 800-362-2736. Upon approval, the State Hygienic Laboratory will coordinate specimen collection, test request forms and submission to CDC.

Note: CDC will likely be updating their testing guidelines in coming days. IDPH will provide updates accordingly.

As Enteroviruses are not reportable, IDPH will not be maintaining case counts or asking that health care providers report individual cases.