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**Enterovirus D68 (Infection Control and Environmental Cleaning)**

CDC has clarified Enterovirus D68 recommendations for infection control and environmental cleaning. Specific guidance is included below and the CDC health alert containing these recommendations can be accessed at:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00369.asp> .

**Infection Control:**

- Infection control guidelines for hospitalized patients with EV-D68 infection should include standard precautions, and contact precautions in certain situations, as is recommended for all enteroviruses ([www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/Isolation2007.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/Isolation2007.pdf) ).
- As EV-D68 is a cause of clusters of respiratory illness similar to rhinoviruses, droplet precautions also should be considered as an interim recommendation until there is more definitive information available on appropriate infection control.

**Environmental Cleaning:**

- As EV-D68 is a non-enveloped virus, environmental disinfection of surfaces in healthcare settings should be performed using a hospital-grade disinfectant with an EPA label claim for any of several non-enveloped viruses (e.g. norovirus, poliovirus, rhinovirus).
- Disinfectant products should be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for the specific label claim and in a manner consistent with environmental infection control recommendations ([www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/eic\\_in\\_HCF\\_03.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/eic_in_HCF_03.pdf) ).

In Iowa, the specimen submission process (for CDC typing) will continue as described last week.