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Dear Clinicians:

Attached is new guidance from the Michigan Department of Community Health regarding rapid influenza testing and H1N1 testing for the fall. Previously, MDCH was interested in testing all specimens from communities with few or no cases of confirmed H1N1, such as ours. However, because the virus is now presumed to be circulating at low levels in all communities, the state lab has revised its testing guidelines and will be testing only in specific clinical situations. Please contact me if you have any questions about H1N1 or the current recommendations.

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