Zika Virus Testing Procotol

In response to the increased number of requests for Zika testing, the state has updated the process to include the local health departments at the front-end of all requests.

 Appropriate steps to request Zika testing:

- The ordering physician must first contact the local health department for the county in which the PATIENT resides (See handout– MDCH health departments)
- The health department will then discuss this request with the physician and complete the questionnaire to determine if testing is warranted.
- If testing is warranted, the health department will collect all of the patients demographic information, physicians fax and email address, and forward the 3 required documents via email to the physician to complete. (Zika questionnaire, MDCH request, CDC request)
- The health department will also advise the physician of the correct specimen requirements, CDC recommendations and other educational material as appropriate.
- The physician will order the test on a standard requisition, noting "Zika Testing". The requisition and copies of the 3 required forms should be sent with patient to a Patient Service Center. If collecting in the office the requisition, 3 required forms and the specimen should be sent to the Laboratory.
- The specimen will be packaged and sent to MDCH via the St. John Providence Microbiology Laboratory all the necessary documentation. Copies of the documentation will also be kept in Microbiology Lab.
- The expected turn around time on Zika testing is approximately <u>4 weeks</u>. Results will be faxed from CDC to MDCH, then MDCH to the health department, physician and micro.

If physicians request any further information regarding Zika testing, see the handout "Update on Zika Virus Testing Recommendations", Zika flow chart or contact Janice Matthews-Greer, PhD, DABMM at (517) 335-8099, matthewsgreerj@michigan.gov.

Please do not send your patients directly to a St. John Providence Laboratory Patient Service Center for Zika testing without following the above protocol.