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To All OSPHL Clients,

This letter serves as notice about a change to Influenza subtyping at the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL). Please forward this notice to your colleagues who may need this information.

Beginning February 1, 2020, when a specimen is positive for Influenza B, it will be subtyped into Victoria or Yamagata lineages. If Influenza B is detected, but neither lineage is detected, specimens will be forwarded to the CDC for additional subtyping. An example of the Influenza B report is provided below.

<b>Patient name:</b>	<b>INFLUENZA B, SUBTYPING (F)</b>	Great Lab Referrals Department
Chart Number:		12384 SE Microbiology Lane
Date of Birth:	2/3/1974	Great Town, OR 97111
County of Residence:	Clackamas	(541) 222-2222
Date Collected:	12/13/2019	
Date Received:	12/17/2019	Clinician: Doctor, Genius, MD
<b>PHL ID Number:</b>	<b>19121700013</b>	Report Date: 12/17/2019

  

<p><b>MOLECULAR TESTING</b></p> <p>Specimen Source: Nasopharyngeal Swab</p> <p>RT-PCR for Influenza A: Undetected</p> <p>RT-PCR for Influenza B: DETECTED</p> <p>    RT-PCR for Influenza B/Victoria: DETECTED</p> <p>    RT-PCR for Influenza B/Yamagata: Undetected</p> <p><i>Reference Range: Normal result = Undetected</i></p>
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If you have questions about this change, please contact Shane Sevey, Virology/immunology Testing Section Manager, at [shane.a.sevey@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:shane.a.sevey@dhsosha.state.or.us) or 503-693-4154 or Sarah Humphrey, Client Services Coordinator, at [sarah.m.humphrey@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:sarah.m.humphrey@dhsosha.state.or.us) or 503-693-4124.

Sincerely,

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