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To All OSPHL Clients,

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

Currently, the OSPHL performs Hepatitis C screening using an immunofluorescent test. This test is not confirmatory. When the screening test result is reactive, follow-up testing is recommended for confirmation and must be obtained by the ordering clinician from another laboratory.

Beginning February 1, 2020, the OSPHL will begin providing confirmatory testing by sending serum to the Florida Bureau of Public Health Laboratories for Hepatitis C NAAT viral load testing. Clinicians will no longer need to order this testing independent of the screening order.

There is no fee for the confirmatory testing. At this time, this service is grant funded and is conditional upon ongoing funding.

A comparison of the current algorithm versus the new algorithm are provided as an attachment to this message.

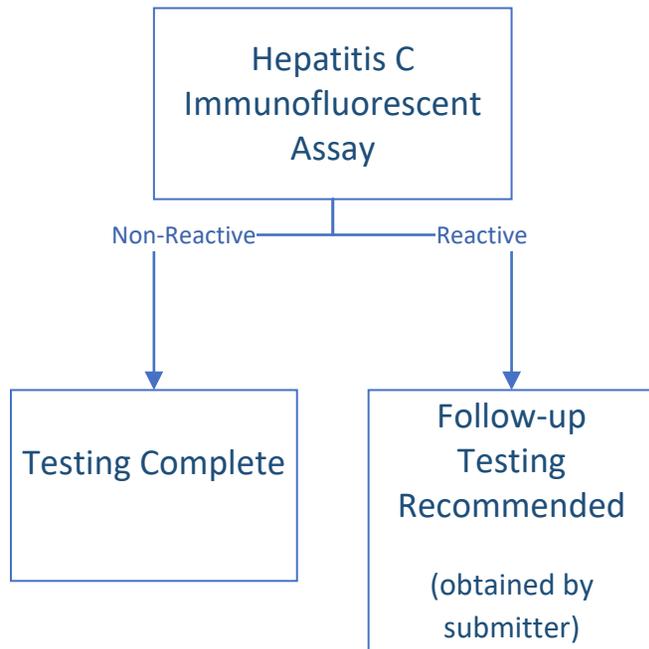
If you have questions about this change, please contact Shane Sevey, Virology/Immunology Testing Section Manager, at shane.a.sevey@dhsosha.state.or.us or 503-693-4154 or Sarah Humphrey, Client Services Coordinator, at sarah.m.humphrey@dhsosha.state.or.us or 503-693-4124.

Sincerely,

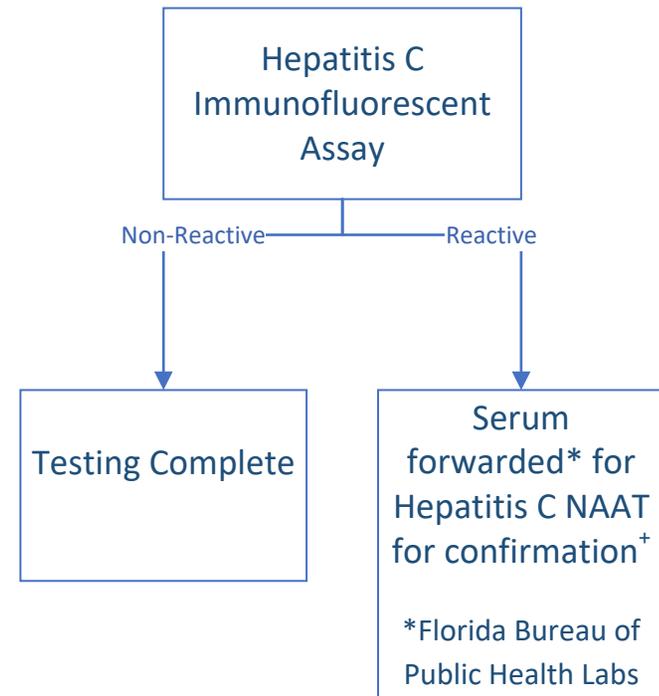
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Oregon State Public Health Laboratory Hepatitis C Testing Algorithms

Current Algorithm



New Algorithm (Starting 2-1-2020)



⁺ This testing is dependent on continuing grant funding.