

MEMORANDUM

 **METHODIST** The Pathology Center



February 12, 2016

Dear Providers,

Attached is the Health Alert Network Advisory with Zika Virus Recommendations that was distributed via email by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services on 2/9/16; this document outlines the process for laboratory testing.

It is the recommendation of Methodist Hospital Laboratory that your facility work with your local Health Department for guidance in processing orders for the Zika Virus. Iowa facilities are asked to contact the State Hygienic Laboratory. All orders are being screened individually per state requirements based on the travel information, onset of symptoms, and pregnancy status. We ask that all specimens be sent directly from your facility to the CDC based on the recommendation of the Health Department.

In addition, the CDC links below, provide the most recent CDC Interim Guidelines for Healthcare Providers. We will continue to evaluate updated CDC Guidelines as they become available.

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>

Oduyebo T, Petersen EE, Rasmussen SA, et al. Update: Interim Guidelines for Health Care Providers Caring for Pregnant Women and Women of Reproductive Age with Possible Zika Virus Exposure — United States, 2016. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep* 2016;65(Early Release):1–6. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm6505e2er>

Staples JE, Dziuban EJ, Fischer M, et al. Interim Guidelines for the Evaluation and Testing of Infants with Possible Congenital Zika Virus Infection — United States, 2016. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep* 2016;65:63–67. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm6503e3>.

Oster AM, Brooks JT, Stryker JE, et al. Interim Guidelines for Prevention of Sexual Transmission of Zika Virus — United States,

Please feel free to contact our Client Services Department if you have any questions at 402-354-4541 or 888-432-8980.

Sincerely,

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