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### Clinical Viral Metagenomics Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maybe. It depends if the virus(s) detected is a Notifiable Condition. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day, 7 days/week.)</li></ul>
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No</li></ul>
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information on requisition must include: test request, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.</li><li>• <b>Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.</b></li></ul>
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A minimum of 100uL CSF for neuro specimens stored and shipped on dry ice.</li><li>• OR</li><li>• Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab AND oropharyngeal (OP) swab for respiratory specimens stored and shipped cold (2 - 8°C)</li></ul>
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CSF: Disinfect patient skin prior to collection. Minimize the presence of blood.</li><li>• OR</li><li>• Respiratory: Use Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab AND oropharyngeal (OP) flocked swabs only and submit both swabs in one container of 2-3ml of viral transport media.</li></ul>
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5-10 business days</li></ul>
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze.</li><li>• Specimens in poorly labeled or leaking containers will not be tested.</li><li>• Do not use wooden shaft or calcium alginate swabs</li><li>• CSF not frozen or grossly contaminated with blood</li></ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presence or Absence of genomic viral nucleic acid as listed by taxonomy.</li><li>• All results will be reported only to submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax.</li></ul>
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CPT code 81479 is the generic CPT code for whole genome sequencing. All other codes are analyte specific.</li><li>• There are no ICD-10 codes. ICD-11 will have whole genome sequencing codes</li></ul>
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704, Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, and Serology at 207-287-1722</li><li>• Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769</li><li>• Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706</li><li>• CT/GC at 207-287-6244</li></ul>