

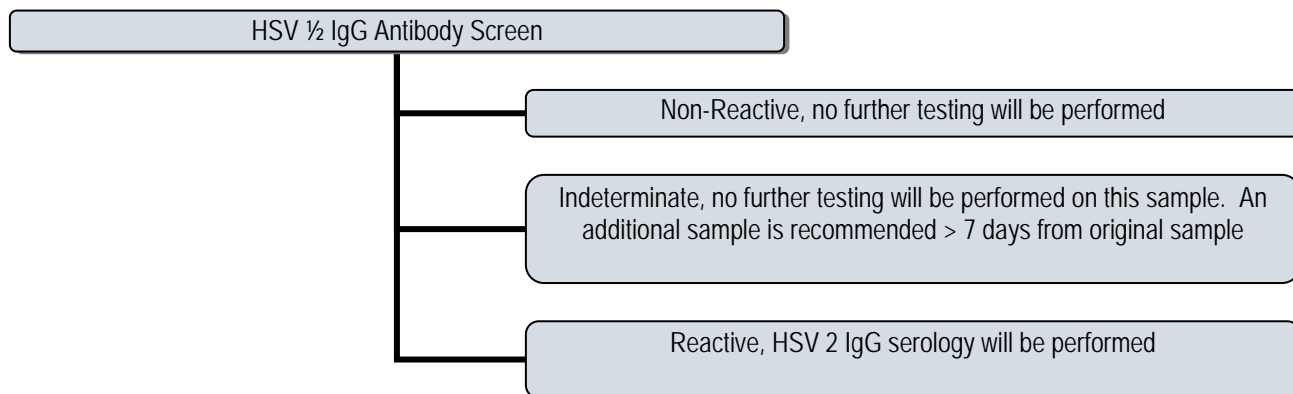


MEMORANDUM

FROM: PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

RE: Changes to Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) 1 & 2 antibody differentiation algorithm

Effective July 27th, the PHL is changing the HSV type specific serology to the following algorithmic approach:



It is important to remember that HSV serology is not indicated for routine screening, or as a substitute for direct detection (PCR). It is indicated for the diagnosis/evaluation of genital herpes in the following clinical scenarios:

- 1) Patients with RECURRENT genital lesions consistent with genital herpes for which direct detection has not been possible.
- 2) FIRST episode of genital herpes during pregnancy.
- 3) Asymptomatic pregnant women whose partner(s) have genital herpes.
- 4) Couples discordant for genital herpes contemplating pregnancy.
- 5) Microbiologist review and approval of a request outside the above clinical scenarios.

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