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<b>Viral Identification and Isolation Viral Culture Laboratory Submission Information Sheet</b>	
Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC:	N/A
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen:	No
<i>Required Information:</i>	<i>Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information. Specimen must be labeled with patient name.</i> <b>IMPORTANT: ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELED WITH PATIENT NAME AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN HETL REQUISITION</b> Requisition form: <a href="#">PDF</a>
Specimen Requirements:	Clinical Specimens consistent with suspected viral agent
Collection Instructions:	Specimens should be submitted in viral transport media collected using a synthetic tipped swab. Do not use wooden swabs or calcium alginate swabs. ONLY synthetic-tipped swabs (Polyester, Rayon, Dacron) with plastic shafts should be used.
Specimen Handling and Transport:	For shipping purposes, clinical specimens are category B. Store specimens at 2-8°C until ready for shipping. Specimens should be submitted to lab as soon as possible. For faster turn around time to obtain results, consider hand delivery to HETL. Use wet ice or cold packs to maintain 2-8°C during delivery.
Turn Around Time:	Culture Results are generally available 5-10 business days after receipt
Unacceptable Conditions:	Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. Specimens in poorly labeled/unlabeled or leaking containers will not be tested.
Results Include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of viral pathogen</li> <li>• A Research Use Only Disclaimer will be included in any culture results confirmed by PCR</li> </ul>
Results:	All results will be reported only to <b>submitter</b> as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee:	Culture <u>Negative</u> : \$36 Culture <u>Positive HSV1/2</u> \$134.00, Culture <u>Positive VZV</u> \$112, <u>Culture Positive Enterovirus</u> \$186 Note: fee waived if testing/identification is part of an outbreak investigation by MeCDC
Applicable CPT Codes:	Viral Culture Only 87252, 87253 If Confirmed by PCR the following codes apply: 83891 (nucleic acid extraction), 83900 (amplification), 83901 (Herpes only) 83892 (reverse transcription enterovirus positive only) ,
Additional Information:	For Viral Culture contact <b>Virology at 207-287-1722</b>