

## Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory (MPTL) Testing Schedule Changes due to COVID-19

Good Afternoon,

MPTL will be implementing the following PCR schedule changes effective immediately due to the COVID-19 situation we are facing together. We need to prioritize current testing schedules with the staffing, and resources we have available to us.

### **Molecular Testing (PCR)**

Our PCR supplies are currently in good standing, but due to the potential difficulty in getting PCR reagents and consumables in the future, we will start batching tests to minimize waste of those products.

- **AIV**- available daily for FAD\*, pre-move\*\* and clinical cases. If samples do not require immediate testing based on movement date or clinical signs, they will be held in order to batch test.

**\* Flocks with clinical signs should be communicated to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (MBAH) and laboratory to ensure prompt testing (320-231-5170).**

**\*\* Critical for submission form to state the movement date.**

- **Mycoplasma** (MG, MM, MS, MI) – Thursday test day- must be received by Wednesday, end of business day.
- **APV**- Wednesday test day – must be received by Tuesday, end of business day.
- **NDV**- Friday test day for routine testing - must be received by Thursday, end of business day.

**FAD testing available daily if requested by MBAH.**

- **REO**, Astro/Rota- test day Monday.

### **Serology, Bacteriology and Necropsy**

There are no anticipated serology, bacteriology or necropsy changes at this time. **This includes avian influenza pre-market testing.** This situation is fluid, so there may be unforeseen delays in the normal turnaround time, but we will strive to minimize the impact on industry by prioritizing pre-move avian influenza serology testing.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. These are certainly unprecedented times and we truly appreciate your support and patience as we all work through this together.

Kind regards,

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