

641—11.27(141) Testing methodologies and confirmation of positive test results.

11.27(1) Screening tests. The screening test shall be the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) test or an equivalent test as determined by the department.

11.27(2) Confirmatory tests. Specimens which are reactive as a result of the screening test shall be confirmed by the enzyme-linked immunoelectrotransfer blot (Western blot) test or an equivalent test as determined by the department before being reported by the laboratory to the department as a confirmed positive test result.

11.27(3) Specimens requiring confirmation that cannot be tested by the laboratory performing the screening test shall be referred to a laboratory capable of performing confirmatory testing which has been certified by the department.

11.27(4) Confirmed positive specimens shall be retained at or below minus 20 degrees centigrade for at least six months.