

641—11.18 (141) Responsibilities of the department.

11.18(1) The department shall consider for certification those laboratories that desire to perform HIV testing services.

11.18(2) An application package is available from the Iowa Department of Public Health, Division of Health Protection, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

11.18(3) The application package shall include:

- a.* A copy of these rules, and
- b.* An “Application to Perform HIV Testing.”

11.18(4) To determine laboratory compliance with the standards established pursuant to these rules, the department, at the department’s discretion, may conduct periodic inspections of:

- a.* Laboratory facilities,
- b.* Methods,
- c.* Procedures,
- d.* Materials (including reagents),
- e.* Staff, and
- f.* Equipment.

NOTE: The department may delegate this authority to the State Hygienic Laboratory pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 141.

11.18(5) The department shall issue a written notice for each certified laboratory that clearly identifies the laboratory and the certification period. The notice shall also specify whether the laboratory is certified to perform screening only, or can perform both screening and confirmatory HIV testing services.

11.18(6) The department shall maintain and furnish upon request a current list of all HIV testing laboratories certified by the department. The list shall also specify whether the laboratories are certified to perform screening only, or can perform both screening and confirmatory HIV testing services.