

**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.