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To: ISU VDL Clientele
(Message to submitters of porcine diagnostic specimens)
Date: July 3, 2014
From: Rodger Main, ISU VDL Director of Operations
Subject: Preferred Point of Contact - Associated with USDA's SECD Reporting Requirements

As mentioned in the ISU VDL client communication distributed on July 1st; 2014 (<http://vetmed.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/vdl/news/ISU-VDL-SECD-Client-Letter-7-01-14.pdf>) that served to more comprehensively share what we are learning about the new reporting requirements associated with the USDA's Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease (SECD) Federal Order; we mentioned that we would be reaching out to ISU VDL clientele (submitters of porcine diagnostic specimens from farm sites) to better understand your personal and/or collective preferences to determine the submitting veterinarian's desire to voluntarily share their name and phone number with the USDA, such that the submitting veterinarian can serve as the primary point of contact (as opposed to the site owner affiliated with the premises identification number or PIN) for any follow-up inquiries from the USDA or state animal health officials responsible for verifying site information, history of clinical signs, and/or to determine the need for a herd management plan.

We subsequently reached to get input from the submitting veterinarians (clinics/production systems) who had cases that had PEDV or PDCoV PCR positive test results since June 5, 2014 to determine their preferences; as we are needing to know how to respond to the initial inquiries being made by the USDA concerning diagnostic case submissions (that are presumably from farm sites) with PEDV and/or PDCoV PCR positive test results. We posed two options (Option #1 or Option #2, outlined on page 2 of this letter) for the submitting veterinarian's (clinic/production system) consideration.

In short, the overwhelming majority of submitting veterinarians (clinics, production systems) indicated that they (the submitting veterinarian) would prefer to be the primary point of contact of contact (as opposed to the site owner affiliated with the PIN) for any potential follow-up inquiries from the USDA or State animal health officials responsible for verifying site information, history of clinical signs, and/or to determine the need for a herd management plan on diagnostic case submissions with either PEDV or PDCoV PCR positive test results that are submitted under their name (e.g. see Option # 1, outlined on page 2).

Take Home Message:

Therefore, effective Tuesday, July 8th, 2014; ISU VDL's "default procedure" will be to provide the submitting veterinarian's name and phone contact information along with the PEDV and/or PDCoV PCR positive test results, type of farm site, and PIN (when available) that are required to be reported in accordance with the USDA's Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease (SECD) Federal Order. However, the ISU VDL will continue to honor the requests of VDL clients (submitting veterinarians) who do not want to serve as the initial point of contact and have the VDL report the PIN as the primary point of contact to the USDA and/or state veterinary officials (e.g., Option #2, outlined on page 2). Reporting the PIN or alternate premises-specific location based identifier is stated as a specific requirement in the USDA's SECD Federal Order dated June 5, 2014. PEDV and PDCoV PCR positive cases from non-farm locations are not reported to the USDA.

In closing, ISU VDL's role is to support the needs of our clients, streamline the transfer of the information necessary to maintain our (VDL clientele and ISU VDL) collective compliance with SECD Federal Order, and minimize the reporting burdens required of ISU VDL clientele. If you have any specific questions or concerns, or would prefer Option 2 outlined on page 2, please contact Drs. Katie Woodard (VDL Client Outreach and Education) and/or myself (Rodger Main) by e-mail (kwoodard@iastate.edu or rmain@iastate.edu) or phone (515-294-1950) call at the ISU VDL. We will continue to keep you informed as we learn of any additional information.

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As mentioned above, the ISU VDL solicited input from the submitting veterinarians (clinics/production systems) who had cases (presumably from farm sites) with PEDV and/or PDCoV PCR positive test results since June 5, 2014 to determine their preferences.

Submitters were asked to select either Option #1 or Option #2.

___ **Option # 1:** I (submitting veterinarian) **want** to serve as the initial point of contact (as opposed to the site owner affiliated with the premises identification number {when PIN is available}) for any potential follow-up inquiries from the USDA or State animal health officials responsible for verifying site information, history of clinical signs, and/or to determine the need for a herd management plan on diagnostic case submissions with either PEDV or PDCoV PCR positive test results that are submitted under my name. Therefore, I (submitting veterinarian) am requesting the ISU VDL to **voluntarily provide** the USDA my contact information (name and phone number) on my behalf along with the PEDV and PDCoV diagnostic test results and PIN (when available) that are being reported to the USDA in accordance with the reporting requirements stated in the USDA SECD Federal Order dated June 5, 2014.

◇ ___ **Option # 2:** I (submitting veterinarian) **do not** want to serve as the initial point of contact for any potential follow-up inquiries from the USDA or State animal health officials responsible for verifying site information, history of clinical signs, and/or to determine the need for a herd management plan on diagnostic case submissions with either PEDV or PDCoV PCR positive test results that are submitted under my name. Therefore, I (submitting veterinarian) will provide the premises identification numbers (PINs) or alternative farm site specific location based identifier from the diagnostic case submissions (presumably from farm sites) to the ISU VDL that had PEDV and/or PDCoV PCR positive test results on or after the effective date (June 5, 2014) of the USDA Federal Order. Once received from the submitting veterinarian, the ISU VDL would subsequently incorporate the PIN or alternative farm site specific location identifier into the case record and report the information to the USDA.