

# Hawaii Influenza Networks and Pandemic Preparedness Planning



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#### Statewide Laboratory Integration Goals

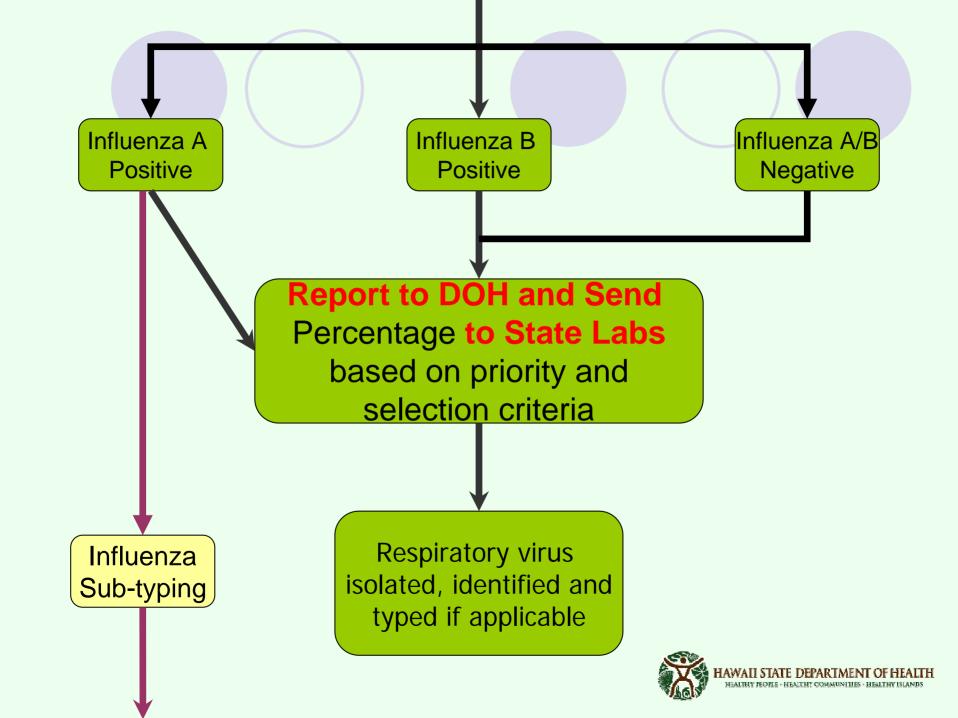
- Leverage Community Expertise
- Expand Capacity
- Expand Geographical Coverage
- Reduce Risk

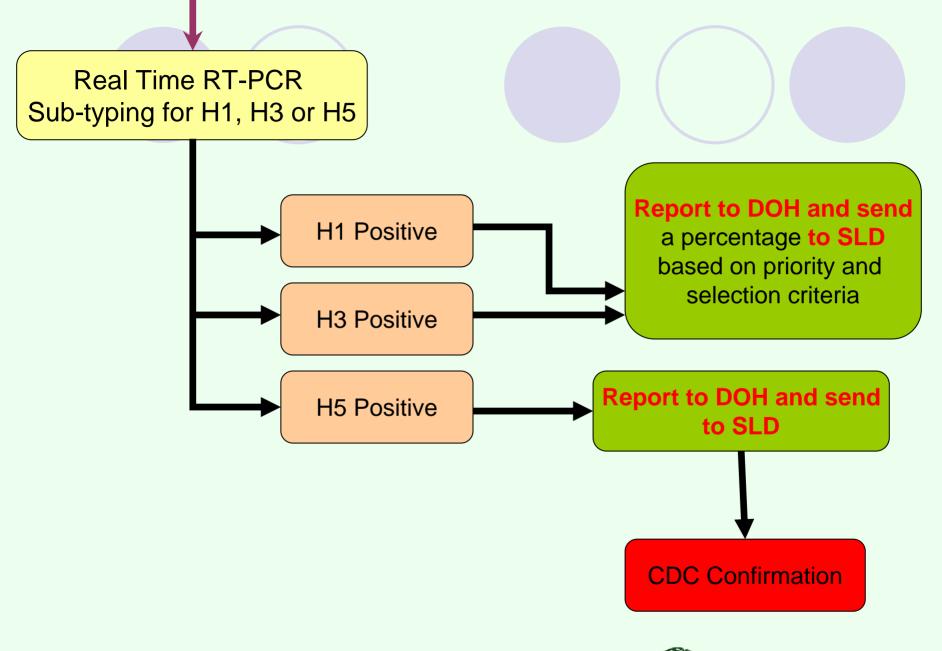


Nasopharyngeal Swab or Oral-pharyngeal Swab

Local Laboratory Rapid Antigen and/or Real-Time RT-PCR for Influenza A/B and/or Virus Isolation









#### Where can laboratories fit in?

- Rapid antigen testing
- PCR screen for Flu A / Flu B using ASR
- Virus Culture
- PCR or FA subtyping of Flu A
- Reporting results to DOH
- Packaging and specimen transport



### Partnerships Opportunities

- Multicenter Verification Protocol
- Prepare for a Request for Proposal
  - Rapid antigen
  - PCR testing (may include equipment)
  - Labs will propose to warehouse & rotate a specific number of tests purchased by DOH
  - Healthcare Association of Hawaii will monitor
  - Periodically DOH will allow some stock to be consumed and replaced by the State



## Laboratory Surveillance for Influenza: Pandemic Preparedness for Hawaii



