INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: County Health Department Epidemiology Programs

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SUBJECT: Summary of 2018 Changes to Reportable Disease Case Definitions, Florida

Based on an ongoing increase in hepatitis A cases in Florida, the position statement approved by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) at their June 2018 annual meeting is being retrospectively applied to all 2018 cases. The revised case definitions will be applied in Merlin to all cases with an event date on or after December 31, 2017.

Summary of case definition changes
Hepatitis A: added nucleic acid amplification test as a confirmatory laboratory test in the absence of clinical signs or symptoms.


Thank you very much for your surveillance and reporting efforts throughout the year. Your input is essential as we continue to work together to prevent and control these diseases.