

Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) Reporting Checklist

Event ID:

Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) is a reportable condition in North Carolina. Due to the complexity of the condition, case review and classification is done by a team of AFM experts at CDC. Clinical specimens, diagnostic imaging, and medical records must be sent to CDC as part of the case review process.

☐ Alert NC DHHS

Contact either Epi-On-Call (available 24/7 at 919-733-3419) or the VPD team directly. Be prepared to share information on symptoms, including the extremities affected by limb weakness, whether an MRI was preformed, the type of specimens available to send, as well as any differentials.

☐ Patient Forms

- ☐ Complete the [AFM Patient Summary Form](#) AND
- ☐ A [specimen submission form](#) for each specimen submitted. Please note for Test Order Name, please select "Picornavirus Special Study".

☐ Compile clinical information

Work with the clinicians to obtain additional information contained in medical records. Collect copies of the following to send to NC DHHS. NC DHHS will then share with CDC to assist with final case classification:

- ☐ History & Physical
- ☐ Immunization records
- ☐ MRI report
- ☐ MRI images
 - Work with your radiology department to send images via CD to Ty Lautenschlager, 1902 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1902
- ☐ Neurology consult note (if available)
- ☐ Discharge summary (if available)

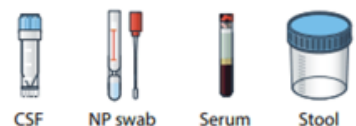
Note: If any information is not available, please note it when communicating with NC DHHS

☐ Collect specimens

Ensure proper handling and shipping of laboratory specimens. Please consult with NC DHHS if there are questions regarding collection, storage, or shipping. Specimens should be collected as close to the onset of limb weakness as possible.

The following are accepted specimen types:

- ☐ Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab and/or oropharyngeal (OP) swab
- ☐ Cerebral spinal fluid (CSF)
- ☐ Serum
- ☐ Stool (only for those needing polio testing)



More information can be found on CDC's [Specimen Collection Instructions](#) page