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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 28, 2018

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.

fully revised document, *Surveillance Case Definitions for Select Reportable Diseases in Florida, 2018 v1.1*, will be posted on the Surveillance Case Definitions and MMWR Weeks website (www.Floridahealth.gov/DiseaseCaseDefinitions).

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.