

TO: Virginia Department of Planning and Budget
FROM: Dr. Laurie Forlano, Director, Office of Epidemiology
DATE: December 22, 2022
RE: Economic impact analysis for the 12 VAC –90 Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control requirements in 12

SUBJECT: Board of Health Regulations Disease Reporting and Control Regulations Action 5208, Stage 9515

The Virginia Department of Health agrees with the findings of the Economic Impact Analysis (EIA), with one clarification described below.

The EIA prepared by the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget states that “Under the proposed regulation, each individual confirmed case of influenza with individual specific information would need to be reported to the local health department.” VDH would like to clarify that is only intended for laboratory-confirmed tests, which would not include rapid point-of-care influenza tests such as those conducted in many physician offices. Therefore the burden on providers is expected to be minimal, as our understanding is that many are conducting rapid influenza tests.