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Dear Laboratory,

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in consultation with the California Conference of Local Health Officers, recently updated Title 17 section 2505 of the California Code of Regulations. This letter is to inform you of these changes and to remind you of the reporting requirements outlined in this section.

Section 2505 specifies that laboratories must report all laboratory testing results suggestive of diseases of public health importance to the local health department within the specified timeframe. A subsection of 2505 specifies isolates or specimens that must be submitted to the public health laboratory. A new subsection, described below, requires laboratories to attempt to obtain a bacterial culture isolate in certain cases. The updated 2505 diseases list is posted on the Division of Communicable Disease Control website and can be found here:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/Documents/Title17Section2505List.pdf>

These changes, effective immediately, are summarized below.

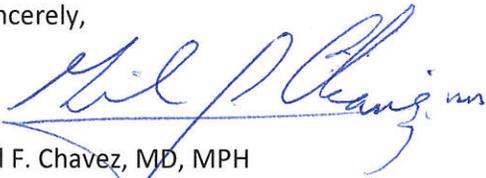
Changes to Title 17 Section 2505

- The following diseases have been **added** to subsection (e)(2); laboratory results suggestive of these diseases must now be reported to the local health department within one working day.
 - Babesiosis
 - Chikungunya Virus Infection
 - Flavivirus infection of undetermined species
 - *Entamoeba histolytica* (not *E. dispar*)
 - Zika Virus Infection
- The subsection related to isolate and specimen submission has been re-organized as follows:
 - (m)(1) lists the specimens to be submitted as soon as available to the local or state public health laboratory. The following specimen has been **added**:
 - Zika virus immunoglobulin M (IgM)-positive sera
 - (m)(2) lists the isolates to be submitted as soon as available to the local or state public health laboratory. The following isolates have been **added**:

- Drug resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates (cephalosporin or azithromycin only)
 - *Shigella* isolates
- (m)(3) is a **new** subsection. It states that laboratories must attempt to obtain a bacterial culture isolate whenever there is a laboratory test result indicative of infection with any of the pathogens listed in subsection (m)(2). These pathogens are:
- Drug resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates (cephalosporin or azithromycin only)
 - *Listeria monocytogenes* isolates
 - *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* isolates (see (f) for additional reporting requirements)
 - *Neisseria meningitidis* isolates from sterile sites
 - *Salmonella* isolates (see section 2612 for additional reporting requirements)
 - Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) isolates, including O157 and non-O157 strains
 - *Shigella* isolates

Please contact your local health department if you have any questions about your communicable disease reporting requirements.

Sincerely,



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