

**MANDATORY DISEASE REPORTING AND SPECIMEN SUBMISSION  
FOR CLINICAL LABORATORIES**

**A. Mandatory reporting and submission of select isolates and clinical specimens:**

Clinical laboratories are now required by law to submit the following isolates and specimens to the MA DPH State Public Health Laboratory:

Agent/Disease	Clinical specimens or isolate	Attention of Laboratory Section	Laboratory phone number
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> (anthrax) isolates and suspect isolates	Isolates and suspected isolates	BT Response	(617) 590-6390
<i>Brucella sp.</i> isolates and suspect isolates			
<i>Burkholderia mallei</i> isolates and suspect isolates.			
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i>			
Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus	Clinical specimens from humans with indication/suspicion of EEEV infection	Virus Isolation Virus Serology	(617) 983-6382 (617) 983-6396
<i>Francisella tularensis</i> (tularemia)	Isolates and suspected isolates	BT Response	(617) 590-6390
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> from blood, CSF or other sterile site	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
Influenza virus diagnostic specimen or isolates known or suspected to contain antiviral resistant virus	Clinical specimens and suspected isolates	Virus Isolation	(617) 983-6382
<i>Legionella sp.</i>	Isolates and suspected isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
Specimens with indication or suspicion of measles virus infection	Clinical specimens	Virus Isolation Virus Serology	(617) 983-6382 (617) 983-6396
Specimens with indication or suspicion of mumps virus infection	Clinical specimens	Virus Isolation Virus Serology	(617) 983-6382 (617) 983-6396
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Isolates	Mycobacteriology	(617) 983-6381
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> from blood, CSF or other sterile site (meningococcal disease, invasive)	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
<i>Salmonella sp.</i>	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607

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Shiga toxin producing organism including <i>E. coli</i> 0157:H7	Isolates and any broths which test positive for shiga toxin producing organisms	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
<i>Shigella</i> sp.	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , vancomycin-intermediate (VISA) and vancomycin-resistant (VRSA)	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> from a sterile site on individuals aged <18 years (pneumococcal disease, invasive)	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
<i>Vibrio</i> sp.	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607
West Nile Virus (WNV)	Clinical specimens from humans with indication/suspicion of WNV infection	Virus Isolation Virus Serology	(617) 983-6382 (617) 983-6396
<i>Yersinia pestis</i> (plague)	Isolates and suspected isolates	BT Response	(617) 590-6390
<i>Yersinia</i> sp. - non pestis (yersiniosis)	Isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6609
Organism with antimicrobial resistance of a novel nature	Isolates and suspected isolates	Clinical Microbiology	(617) 983-6607

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To view the full text of the mandatory submission and reporting requirements please:

1. Visit the MA DPH Epidemiology Program website: [www.mass.gov/dph/epi](http://www.mass.gov/dph/epi)
2. Select the link [*Reportable Communicable Diseases*]
3. Select the link [*Updated Lists of Reportable Diseases and Surveillance Information*]
4. Select the document entitled [*Summary of 105 CMR 300.000: Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirement ...*]

### **B. Mandatory reporting of all pediatric lead results:**

Laboratories and health care providers' practices that analyze pediatric blood specimens for lead must report all lead testing results to the MA DPH. Contact 617-983-6668 for guidance on laboratory reporting.

For more information about the pediatric lead laws please:

1. Visit the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevent Program website: [www.mass.gov/dph/clppp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/clppp)
2. Select the link [*The MA Lead Law and Legal Documents*]
3. Select the link [*105 CMR 460.000 Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control (PDF)*]

Note:

- To report work-related lead absorption in adults, please contact the Occupational Lead Registry at 617-626-6506 or visit the website: [www.mass.gov/lwd/labor-standards/lead-program/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/labor-standards/lead-program/)
- To report occupational chemical exposures testing results in adults, please contact the MDPH Occupational Health Surveillance Program at 617-624-5632 or visit the website: [www.mass.gov/dph/ohsp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/ohsp)