

**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 Laboratory:

<b>Agent/Disease</b>	<b>Clinical specimens or isolate</b>	<b>MA DPH State Laboratory dept. to send specimen</b>	<b>Laboratory phone number</b>
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> (Anthrax)	Isolates and suspected isolates	BT Response Laboratory	(617) 590-6390
<i>Brucella</i> sp.			
<i>Burkholderia mallei</i> (Glanders)			
<i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> (Meliodosis)			
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i>	Isolates and suspected isolates	Enteric Laboratory	(617) 983-6609
Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus	Clinical specimens and isolates from humans with indication/suspicion of EEEV infection	Virus Isolation Laboratory	(617) 983-6853 (617) 983-6382
<i>Francisella tularensis</i> (Tularemia)	Isolates	BT Response Laboratory	(617) 590-6390
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> from blood, CSF or other sterile site	Isolates	Reference Laboratory	(617) 983-6607
Influenza: antiviral resistant influenza viruses only	Isolates	Virus Isolation Laboratory	(617) 983-6853 (617) 983-6382
<i>Legionella</i> sp.	Isolates and suspected isolates	Reference Laboratory	(617) 983-6607
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Isolates	Reference Laboratory	(617) 983-6607
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Isolates	Mycobacteriology Laboratory	(617) 983-6381
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> from blood, CSF or other sterile site (Meningococcal disease, invasive)	Isolates	Reference Laboratory	(617) 983-6607
<i>Salmonella</i> sp.	isolates	Enteric Laboratory	(617) 983-6609
Shiga toxin producing organism including <i>E. coli</i> 0157:H7	Isolates and any broths which test positive for shiga toxin producing organisms	Enteric Laboratory	(617) 983-6609
<i>Shigella</i> sp.	Isolates	Enteric Laboratory	(617) 983-6609
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , vancomycin-intermediate (VISA) and vancomycin-resistant (VRSA)	Isolates	Reference Laboratory	(617) 983-6607
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> from a sterile site on individuals aged <18 years (Pneumococcal disease, invasive)	Isolates	Reference Laboratory	(617) 983-6607
<i>Vibrio</i> sp.	Isolates	Enteric Laboratory	(617) 983-6609
West Nile Virus	Clinical specimens and isolates from humans with indication/suspicion of WNV infection	Virus Isolation Laboratory	(617) 983-6853 (617) 983-6382
<i>Yersinia pestis</i> (Plague)	Isolates and suspected isolates	BT Response Laboratory	(617) 590-6390
<i>Yersinia</i> sp. -non pestis (Yersiniosis)	Isolates	Enteric Laboratory	(617) 983-6609

Table 1: Required laboratory submission of selected isolates and clinical specimens according to 105 CMR 300.000

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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.
- To report occupational chemical exposures testing results in adults please contact the MDPH Occupational Health Surveillance Program at 617-624-5632.