

Dear Laboratory Director:

The 2016 New York State Laboratory Reporting of Communicable Diseases document is now available electronically on the Wadsworth Center website and is effective immediately. For your convenience, the significant changes are listed below. However, please note that there may be minor changes that would affect your laboratory so please read the entire document. We remind you that for patients that reside in NYC, the specimens and reporting requirement go to the NYC Dept of Mental Health and Hygiene. For those patients that reside outside of NYC, those specimens and reporting requirements go to the New York State Dept of Health. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of public health.

Anaplasma

Removed the NYS requirement to submit specimens for confirmation.

Borrelia

Clarified specific instances of when reporting is required. Harmonized NYS and NYC reporting requirements.

Coxiella burnetti

Removed the requirement to submit specimens for confirmation to the NYC PHL. Submission to the Wadsworth Center is still required.

Cryptosporidium

Harmonized NYS and NYC requirements to send specimens to Wadsworth for confirmation.

Cyclospora

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Ehrlichia sp

Removed the NYS requirement to submit specimens for confirmation.

Entamoeba histolytica

Added a NYS requirement to submit stools for confirmation.

E. coli O157:H7

Reporting requirement changed. Also NYS and NYC now require submission of isolates only (see footnote 13).

Hepatitis A, B

Clarified reporting requirements.

Hepatitis C

Negative results are now required to be reported. Clarified reporting requirements.

HepD and HepE

Eliminated reporting to NYS.

Herpes simplex

Now requires specimen submission to Wadsworth for confirmation.

HIV reporting

Updated Section J "Are HIV-related tests reportable?" to be congruent with the new CDC algorithm for HIV testing.

Leptospira

Now requires specimen submission to NYC PHL for confirmation.

Mycobacterium tuberculosis

No longer required to telephone positive results to NYC.
Clarified submission requirements.

Neisseria gonorrhoeae

Clarified reporting requirements.

Plasmodium species

Harmonized NYS and NYC requirements to send specimens to Wadsworth for confirmation.

Rickettsia rickettsii

Harmonized NYS/NYC to no longer require submission of specimens for confirmation.

Rubella

Now requires specimen submission in addition to serum.

Salmonella sp and typhi

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Shigella

Reporting requirement changed. Also NYC now requires submission of isolates only (see footnote 13).

Syphilis

Clarified reporting requirements.

Varicella zoster

NYS now requires submission to Wadsworth

Vibrio sp and cholerae

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Yersinia

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Added "Reportable Conditions" required by NYC public health law.