

**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 requirements 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**

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

**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**

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

### **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**

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

**Yersinia**

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

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