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Dear Laboratory Colleagues,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to report test results for reportable conditions to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and local public health departments in accordance with requirements in [Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 2505¹](#). Your reporting is critical to monitor communicable diseases of concern and support a public health response to limit ongoing transmission.

The California Department of Public Health, in consultation with the California Conference of Local Health Officers, recently updated Title 17 section 2505 of the California Code of Regulations. The updated requirements are posted on the CDPH Division of Communicable Disease Control website and can be found here: [Lab Reportable Diseases \(PDF\)](#). These changes are now in effect and are summarized below.

The following conditions have been **added** and results are now required to be reported to public health:

- ***Cronobacter sakazakii* in infants less than one year of age** – report within one working day
- ***Naegleria fowleri* (detection or isolation from a clinical specimen)** – report Immediately

¹ [CDPH Reportable Diseases and Conditions](#)
(www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Reportable-Disease-and-Conditions.aspx)

The following conditions have been **renamed**:

- **Brucellosis, human (all *Brucella spp.* except previously named *Ochrobactrum species*)**, previously appeared as Brucellosis, human (all *Brucella spp.*)
- ***Haemophilus influenzae*, all serotypes (detection or isolation from a sterile site in a person less than five years of age)**, previously appeared as *Haemophilus influenzae*, all types (detection or isolation from a sterile site in a person less than five years of age),
- **Legionellosis**, previously appeared as Legionellosis (antigen or culture)

The following conditions have a **change in reporting requirement**:

- ***Neisseria meningitidis* (detection or isolation from a sterile site)** – results from eye specimens no longer need to be reported

The following conditions have a **change in reporting timeframe**:

- **Brucellosis, human (all *Brucella spp.* except previously named *Ochrobactrum species*)** – report within one working day, previously was immediately reportable
- **Rabies, human** – report immediately, previously was within one working day

The following isolates and specimens are now **required to be submitted** to the the local public health laboratory, or the state public health laboratory if the local jurisdiction where the patient resides does not have the services of a local public health laboratory:

Isolates

- *Cronobacter sakazakii* in infants less than one year of age
- *Legionella species*
- *Vibrio cholerae*

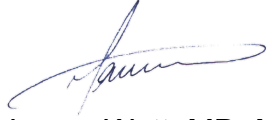
Specimens

- *Vibrio* positive by culture independent diagnostic test

There is also new language in section 2505 requiring reporting of results for an **unusual disease** when requested by CDPH or the local health officer.

Please contact calrediehelp@cdph.ca.gov if you have any questions about these changes.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Watt', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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