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Dear Laboratory Director:

The 2020 New York State Laboratory Reporting of Communicable Diseases document is now available electronically on the Wadsworth Center website and is effective immediately (<https://www.wadsworth.org/regulatory/clep/laws>). For ease of use, we posted separate New York State-only and New York City-only documents.

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 review the entire document.

Please recall that reporting requirements are based on the patient's residency status. For patients that reside in New York City, please follow the reporting and specimen submission requirements of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. For patients that reside outside of New York City, please follow the reporting and specimen submission requirements of the New York State Department of Health. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of public health!

Arbovirus

Zika virus added as reportable

Reduced immediate telephone reporting requirement to only 3 arboviruses

Removed reporting of IgG positives for any arboviruses

Candida auris

Candida auris is now reportable. Note that specimen submission is also required.

CRE

Some Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* are now reportable. Please note the criteria in the table. Also, only certain selected NYS isolates should be submitted to Wadsworth Center. Isolate submission is not required for New York City residents.

Entamoeba histolytica/dispar

Added a requirement for labs to send all (NYS and NYC) specimens to Wadsworth Center

Hepatitis A

For NYS specimens only- please send positive IgM specimens to Wadsworth Center
Added bilirubin to the requested reporting information for both NYS and NYC residents

Hepatitis B, C

Additional reporting information added including the requirement for HCV RNA testing to be initiated within 72 hours of a reactive antibody test

HepD and HepE

Eliminated reporting to NYC

HIV

Removed incidence reporting footnote

SARS

Added Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS- CoV-2) or COVID-19 as reportable. Specimen submission required only for SARS-COV-1.

Trichinella

Removed specimen submission requirement for NYC and NYS

Tuberculosis

Added a requirement for labs to report all test results for tuberculosis (TB) infection from a blood-based test for all ages.

FAQs

Clarified HIV reporting requirements
Added Select Agent information
Clarified CIDT reporting requirements

Footnotes

Added Select Agent information
Added susceptibility information for NYC specimens
Harmonized NYS/NYC syphilis reporting information
Clarified CIDT reporting requirements

Sincerely,



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