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Submission of *Candidoyzma (Candida) auris* isolates

The Health Care Agency's (HCA), Communicable Disease Control Division (CDCD), and Orange County Public Health Laboratory (OCPHL) are updating our requirements for submission of *Candidoyzma (Candida) auris* isolates. Effective immediately we are aligning Orange County's requirements with the [California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2505 — Notification by Laboratories](#).

Instructions for Candida auris isolates (Section 2505 Subsection (r)):

If a Candida auris isolate(s) is identified from a sterile site, and the laboratory has obtained a fungal culture isolate, the isolate(s) must be submitted to a public health laboratory within 10 working days from the date the specimen was collected. The isolate submission must include the data elements specified in subsection (m) and the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate number.

To further clarify, we would consider urine isolates and lower respiratory sites as normally sterile sites, and such isolates are also requested.

In unusual circumstances, for example an outbreak, requests to submit isolates from non-sterile sites can be considered. Such requests must be made to CDCD's Healthcare-Associated Infections/Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Program (HAI_EPI@ochca.com) for consideration. In addition, CDCD may request submission of isolates from non-sterile sites as circumstances require.

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