Notification of Microbiology Laboratory for Prevention of Laboratory-Acquired Infections

Please notify the microbiology laboratory immediately if any of the following organisms is suspected to be the cause of a patient’s infection. This notification will ensure that clinical specimens obtained from the patient are handled with appropriate laboratory precautions.

Do both of the following:

1. Call the laboratory at 617 355-7485. Tell them what organism is suspected, the patient’s name and the patient’s medical record number.
2. Email the same information to MicrobiologyEnhancedSafetyNotification-dl and MicrobiologyDirectors-dl@childrens.harvard.edu.

Pathogens requiring laboratory notification upon suspicion of infection

**Bacteria**
- *Bacillus anthracis*
- *Brucella* spp.
- *Burkholderia mallei*
- *Burkholderia pseudomallei*
- *Clostridium botulinum*
- *Francisella tularensis*
- *Yersinia pestis*

**Viruses**
- Chikungunya virus
- Ebola virus
- Hendra virus
- Lassa virus
- Marburg virus
- Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) coronavirus
- SARS
- Nipah virus
- Rift Valley fever virus
- Smallpox virus
- Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus

**Fungi**
- *Blastomyces dermatitidis*
- *Coccidioides* species
- *Histoplasma capsulatum*
- *Paracoccidioides brasiliensis*
- *Penicillium marneffii*

NOTE: When notifying laboratory of suspected endemic fungal infections, please consider exposure history and specify which agents are suspected.

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