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Agent (Condition)	Recommended Changes
The draft rule uses a consistent naming convention of agent followed by condition in parentheses throughout the rule to provide clarity for laboratories of what to submit to the public health authority identified for each condition.	
Amoebic meningitis	New condition
Anaplasma species (Anaplasmosis)	New condition for laboratories
Babesia species (Babesiosis)	New condition for laboratories
Bacillus anthracis (Anthrax)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes specimen type from “culture” to “presumptive positive isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with presumptive positive result”.
Bacillus cereus, biovar anthracis subspecies only	New condition
Baylisascaris (Baylisascariasis)	New condition
Blood lead level	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes the elevated blood lead level for persons aged fifteen years and older from “...equal to or greater than 10 micrograms per deciliter” to “...equal to or greater than 5 micrograms per deciliter”.
Bordetella pertussis (Pertussis)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test type from being unspecified to “positive results by: Culture; Nucleic acid detection [nucleic acid testing (NAT) or nucleic acid amplification (NAAT)]”; and • Changes specimen type and submission time frame: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From “culture, when available (2 business days)”; ▪ To “isolate” and “within 2 business days”; and ▪ To “if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result” and “Within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”
Borrelia burgdorferi or Borrelia mayonii (Lyme disease)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule adds <i>Borrelia mayonii</i> as a notifiable agent associated with Lyme disease.
Borrelia hermsii, miyamotoi, or recurrentis (Relapsing fever, tick- or louse-borne)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds <i>Borrelia miyamotoi</i> as a notifiable agent associated with relapsing fever, tick- or louse- borne; • Changes the notification time frame from “within 24 hours” to “within 2 business days”; and • Changes unspecified specimen type to “specimen associated with positive result”
Brucella species (Brucellosis)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result by any method excluding Immunoglobulin G (IgG)”; and • Specimen type from “culture” to “isolate, excluding confirmed positive <i>B. melitensis</i>, <i>B. abortus</i>, or <i>B. suis</i>; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
Burkholderia mallei (Glanders)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result by any method excluding Immunoglobulin G (IgG)”; and • Changes specimen type from “culture...; additional specimens when available” to “presumptive positive isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with presumptive positive result”; and • Lists <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> and <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> individually rather than together as in the current rule.
Burkholderia pseudomallei (Melioidosis)	Current notifiable condition The draft rules changes are the same as for <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> (Glanders).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California serogroup viruses, acute (Arbovirus) • Chikungunya virus, acute (Arbovirus) • Dengue, acute (Arbovirus) • Eastern and western equine encephalitis, acute (Arbovirus) • Japanese encephalitis, acute (Arbovirus) • La Crosse encephalitis, acute (Arbovirus) • Powassan virus, acute (Arbovirus) • St. Louis encephalitis, acute (Arbovirus) • West Nile virus, acute (Arbovirus) 	Current notifiable conditions under “Arboviruses” The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists each type of arbovirus individually rather than as a group. • Changes notifiable test results from “IgM positivity, PCR positivity, viral isolation” to “positive result by any method excluding IgG”; and • Changes specimen type from being unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”.

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<i>Campylobacter</i> species (Campylobacteriosis)	Current notifiable condition The draft changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive results by culture; nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT); antigen detection”; and • Changes specimen type from being unspecified to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
<i>Candida auris</i>	New condition
Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae: <i>Klebsiella</i> species <i>E. coli</i> <i>Enterobacter</i> species	New condition
CD4 + lymphocyte counts and/or CD4 % (patients aged thirteen or older)	Current notifiable condition. The draft corrects the notifiable agent (condition) from “CD4 + (T4) lymphocyte counts and/or CD4 + (T4) (patients aged thirteen or older)” to “CD4 + lymphocyte counts and/or CD4 % (patients aged thirteen or older)”.
<i>Chlamydophila psittaci</i> (Psittacosis)	Current notifiable condition The draft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates the agent name from “<i>Chlamydophila psittaci</i>” to “<i>Chlamydia psittaci</i>”; • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result by any method excluding IgG”; and • Changes specimen type from unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”.
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	Current notifiable condition The draft rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive and indeterminate result by any method”; and • Makes annual submission of de-identified negative screening results notifiable
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i> (Botulism)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes specimen type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From “Serum and/or stool; any other specimens available (i.e., foods submitted for suspected foodborne case; debrided tissue submitted for suspected wound botulism)”; • To “Presumptive positive isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with presumptive positive result”.
<i>Coccidioides</i> (Coccidioidomycosis)	New condition
Coronavirus SARS-associated coronavirus MERS-associated coronavirus	New notifiable condition: MERS-associated coronavirus Current notifiable condition: SARS-associated coronavirus The draft rule changes specimen type and submission timeframe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From “isolate or clinical specimen associated with positive result” and “within 2 business days”; • To “presumptive positive isolate” and “within 2 business days”; and • To “if no isolate available, specimen associated with presumptive positive result” and “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”
<i>Corynebacterium Diphtheria</i> (Diphtheria)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive results by culture, nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT)”; • Specimen type and submission time frame: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From “culture” and “within 2 business days”; ▪ To “isolate” and “within 2 business days”; and ▪ To “if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result” and “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”
<i>Coxiella burnetii</i> (Q fever)	Current notifiable condition. The draft rule changes specimen type from “culture” to “specimen associated with presumptive positive result”

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) • Ebola virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) • Guanarito virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) • Junin virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) • Lassa virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) • Lujo virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) • Machupo virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) • Marburg virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) • Sabia virus (Viral hemorrhagic fever) 	<p>Current notifiable conditions under “Viral hemorrhagic fever” The draft rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists each type of arbovirus individually rather than as a category of “viral hemorrhagic fever: Arenaviruses, Bunyaviruses, Filoviruses, Flaviviruses” as exists in the current rule; and • Changes specimen type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From “isolate or clinical specimen associated with positive result”; ▪ To “presumptive positive isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with presumptive positive result”.
<p><i>Cryptococcus gattii</i> or undifferentiated <i>Cryptococcus</i> species [i.e. <i>Cryptococcus</i> not identified as <i>C. neoformans</i>]</p>	<p>Current notifiable condition The draft rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises the condition name from “<i>Cryptococcus non v. neoformans</i>” to “<i>Cryptococcus gattii</i> or undifferentiated <i>Cryptococcus</i> species (i.e. <i>Cryptococcus</i> not identified as <i>C. neoformans</i>); • Adds notifiable test type of “positive results by any method excluding cryptococcal antigen”; • Adds notification time frame and whom to notify as “within 2 business days to LHJ”; • Changes specimen type and submission time frame: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From “culture (2 business days) or other specimens upon request”; ▪ To “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result (excluding serum)” and “within 2 business days”; and ▪ To “serum” and “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”.
<p><i>Cryptosporidium</i> (Cryptosporidiosis)</p>	<p>Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes are limited to clarification of the current rule.</p>
<p><i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i> (Cyclosporiasis)</p>	<p>Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes specimen submission time frame from within “2 business days” to “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”.</p>
<p><i>Echinococcus granulosus</i> or <i>E. multilocularis</i> (Echinococcosis)</p>	<p>New condition</p>
<p><i>Ehrlichia</i> species (Ehrlichiosis)</p>	<p>New condition</p>
<p><i>Francisella tularensis</i> (Tularemia)</p>	<p>Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes specimen type from “culture or other appropriate clinical material” to “presumptive positive isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with presumptive positive result”.</p>
<p><i>Giardia duodenalis</i>, <i>G. lamblia</i>, <i>G. intestinalis</i> (Giardiasis)</p>	<p>Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes are limited to clarification of the current rule.</p>
<p><i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> (children < 5 years of age)</p>	<p>Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result from specimen from a normally sterile site by: culture, nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT)”; • Specimen type from “culture, from sterile sites only, when type is unknown” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
<p>Hantaviral infection, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andes virus • Bayou virus • Black Creek Canal virus • Dobrava-Belgrade virus • Haantan virus • Seoul virus • Sin nombre virus 	<p>Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the condition from hantavirus” to “hantaviral infection” and lists types of viruses as examples; • Specimen type from being unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”; and • Specimen submission time frame from “on request” to “within 2 business days”.
<p>Hepatitis A virus</p>	<p>Current notifiable condition The draft rule adds “nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT)” as a notifiable tests result.</p>

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Hepatitis B Virus	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates differentiation between acute and chronic hepatitis B by creating one hepatitis B virus row; • Changes notifiable test results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “IgM positivity ○ HBsAg (surface antigen) ○ HBeAg (E antigen) ○ HBV DNA” • To “positive results for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IgM anti-HBc ○ HBsAg ○ HBeAg ○ HBV nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT) either qualitative or quantitative e.g., PCR or genotyping”; and • To “if associated with a positive result listed above, and available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hepatocellular enzyme levels; ○ Pregnancy status; ○ Negative IgM anti-HBc result”. • Changes notification of test results from “monthly” for chronic hepatitis B to “within 24 hours”; • Changes specimen type from being unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”; and • Changes specimen submission time frame from “on request” to “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”.
Hepatitis C Virus	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Positive result by any method”; ▪ “Positive and nonpositive results for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HVC nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT) for qualitative, quantitative, and genotype tests”; and • “If associated with a positive result and available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hepatocellular enzyme levels; ○ Pregnancy status; ○ Negative result for IgM anti-HAV; ○ Negative result for IgM anti-HBc”; • Changes notification of test results from “monthly” to “within 2 business days”; • Changes specimen type from being unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”; • Changes specimen submission time frame from being unspecified to “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”; • Makes annual submission of de-identified negative screening results notifiable.
Hepatitis D Virus	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Positive result by any method”; and • “If associated with a positive result and available: Hepatocellular enzyme levels”; • Changes specimen type from being unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”; and • Changes specimen submission time frame from “on demand” to “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”.
Hepatitis E Virus	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Positive result by any method”; and • “If associated with a positive result and available: Hepatocellular enzyme levels”; • Changes specimen type from being unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”; and <p>Changes specimen submission time frame from “on demand” to “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”.</p>
<i>Histoplasma capsulatum</i> (histoplasmosis)	New condition

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Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consolidates HIV notification into a single row; ▪ Changes notifiable test results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From examples of “positive Western Blot assays, P24 antigen or viral culture tests” and “II viral load detection test result – detectable and undetectable”; ▪ To “positive and indeterminate results and subsequent negative results associated with those positive or indeterminate results for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Antibody detection tests (including RST); ○ Antigen detection tests (including RST); ○ Viral culture; ○ HIV nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT) tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative and quantitative; and • Detectable and undetectable HIV antiviral resistance testing genetic sequences”; • Changes notification of test results from “monthly” to “within 2 business days”; • Changes the specimen type and time frame from being unspecified to “N/A”; and • Makes annual submission of de-identified negative screening results notifiable.
Human prion disease	New condition for laboratories
Influenza virus, novel or unsubtypeable strain	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes are limited to clarification of the current rule.
Legionella species (Legionellosis)	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive by any method”; and • Specimen type from “culture” to “isolate; if no isolate available, respiratory specimen associated with positive test result if available (e.g., PCR positive)”.
Leptospira species (Leptospirosis)	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive by any method”; and • Specimen type from “culture” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
Listeria monocytogenes (Listeriosis)	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result for specimen from normally sterile site by: culture, nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT); and • Specimen type from “culture” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
Mumps virus	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from “acute: IgM positivity; PCR positivity” to “positive result for: culture; Nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT); IgM” and • Specimen type and submission time frame: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From “isolate or clinical specimen associated with positive result (2 business days)”; ▪ To “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result” and “within 2 business days”; and ▪ To “specimen associated with positive IgM” and “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”.
Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidates and renames the condition from “<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>” to “<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex”; • Notifiable test results from being unspecified and “antibiotic sensitivity for first isolates” to “positive result for: culture; Nucleic acid detection (NAT NAAT); drug susceptibilities (molecular and culture based)”; • Specimen type from “culture” to “<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex positive isolate (earliest available isolate for the patient)”
Neisseria gonorrhoeae (Gonorrhea)	<p>Current notifiable condition</p> <p>The draft rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive and indeterminate result by any method”; • Changes specimen type and submission time frame from being unspecified to “N/A”; and • Makes annual submission of de-identified negative screening results notifiable.

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<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> (Meningococcal disease)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result for specimen from a normally sterile site by any method”; and • Specimen type and submission time frame: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From “culture (from sterile sites only) (2 business days)”; ▪ To “isolate from a normally sterile site” and “within 2 business days”; and ▪ To “if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result” and “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”.
<i>Plasmodium</i> species (Malaria)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive results for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT); ▪ Malaria-specific antigens by rapid diagnostic test; ▪ PCR; ▪ Microscopy (thick or thin smear)”; and • Specimen type from being unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”.
Poliovirus (Poliomyelitis)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes are limited to clarification of the current rule.
Rabies virus	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes the condition from “rabies (human or animal)” to “rabies virus”.
<i>Rickettsia</i> species including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rickettsia rickettsii</i>, • <i>Rickettsia africae</i> • <i>Rickettsia conorii</i> • <i>Rickettsia typhi</i> • <i>Rickettsia parkeri</i> • <i>Rickettsia philipii</i> 	New condition
Rubella	New condition for laboratories
Rubeola (measles virus)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from “IgM positivity; PCR positivity” to “positive result by culture; IgM; Nucleic acid detection (NAT or NAAT)”; • Specimen type and submission time frame: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From “isolate or clinical specimen associated with positive result (2 business days)”; ○ To “isolate and specimen associated with positive culture; NAT or NAAT result” and “within 2 business days”; and ○ “Specimen associated with positive IgM; other specimen” and “within 2 business days of request by LHJ or DOH”.
<i>Salmonella</i> species (Salmonellosis, typhoid fever)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes specimen type from “culture” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> (STEC) / enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i>	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes specimen type from “culture (2 business days) or specimen if no culture is available” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result” and “within 2 business days”.
<i>Shigella</i> species (Shigellosis)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes specimen type from “culture” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
<i>Taenia solium</i> (Taeniasis or Cysticercosis)	New condition
<i>Treponema pallidum</i> (Syphilis)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive and indeterminate result by any method”; • Changes specimen type from “serum” to “specimen associated with positive result; and • Makes annual submission of de-identified negative screening results notifiable.
<i>Trichinella</i> species (Trichinellosis)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive serologic test for <i>Trichinella</i>”; and • Specimen type from being unspecified to “specimen associated with positive result”.

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<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> (Chagas disease)	New condition
Vaccinia (vaccine-acquired smallpox)	New condition for laboratories
Vancomycin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test result from being unspecified to “resistance to vancomycin”; and • Specimen type from “culture” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
Variola virus (smallpox)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test result from being unspecified to “any request for testing associated with a suspect case”; • Specimen type from “isolate or clinical specimen associated with positive result” to “specimen collected from a suspect case”; and • Specimen submission time frame from “2 business days” to “immediately”.
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> O1 or O139 (Cholera)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result by any method”; and • Specimen type from “culture” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
<i>Vibrio</i> species (Vibriosis) not including <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> O1 or O139 (Cholera)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies the notifiable condition by including “(including <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> O1 or O139 (Cholera))” in the agent (condition) name; • Changes the notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result by any method”; and • Changes specimen type from “culture” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
Yellow fever virus	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result by any method excluding IgG”; and • Specimen type from “serum” to “specimen associated with positive result”.
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> , <i>Y. pseudotuberculosis</i> , <i>Y. intermedia</i> , <i>Y. fredericksonii</i> , or <i>Y. kristensenii</i> (Yersiniosis)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result by any method”; and • Specimen type from being unspecified” to “isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with positive result”.
<i>Yersinia pestis</i> (Plague)	Current notifiable condition The draft rule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifiable test results from being unspecified to “positive result by any method”; and • Specimen type from “culture or other appropriate clinical material” to “presumptive positive isolate; if no isolate available, specimen associated with presumptive positive result”.
Zika virus, acute (Arbovirus)	New condition