

Division of Communicable Disease Control

**Conditions for Which Clinical Laboratories Shall Submit a Culture or a Specimen to the Local Public Health Laboratory.
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Assembly Bill 186, chaptered on October 7, 2011 amended the Health and Safety Code Section 120130 (b) to require the California Department of Public Health to “establish a list of communicable diseases and conditions for which clinical laboratories shall submit a culture or a specimen to the local public health laboratory.” This list has been added to California Code of Regulations, Title 17 Section 2505(l) effective January 1, 2014.

(l) A culture or a specimen as listed in this subsection shall be submitted as soon as available to the public health laboratory designated in Section 1075 for the local health jurisdiction where the health care provider is located. The following information shall be submitted with the culture or specimen: the name, address, and the date of birth of the person from whom the specimen or culture was obtained, the patient identification number, the specimen or culture accession number or other unique identifier, the date the specimen or culture was obtained from the patient, the name, address, and telephone number of the health care provider for whom such examination or test was performed, and the name, address, telephone number and the laboratory director’s name of the laboratory that isolated the culture or specimen. The cultures or specimens pursuant to this requirement are:

Listeria monocytogenes isolates

Measles immunoglobulin M (IgM)-positive sera

Neisseria meningitidis isolates from sterile sites

Shiga toxin-positive fecal broths

Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) O157 and non-O157 isolates

Requirements for submission to local public health laboratories have already been in place for the following:

Salmonella isolates (as per Title 17 Section 2612 (a))

Mycobacterium tuberculosis isolates (as per Section 2505 (f))

Malaria smears (as per Section 2505 (h))