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Directory of Services 2023

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Following the May 11th, 2023, ending of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the NDHHS, Laboratory Services has made changes to the courier routes and contact information. Please review the courier schedule and the directory of services for specimen stability requirements. Also, this is a friendly reminder to follow biological shipping requirements and include absorbent material in biohazard bags.

In addition, we have added two tests. Change includes the following:

<p>Candida auris Rule Out CPT CODE: 87106</p>	<p>Acceptable Specimen: Sabouraud Dextrose Agar Slant or Aimes swab. Plates will not be accepted.</p> <p>Stability: Ambient: 10 days; Refrigerated: 10 days; Frozen: Unacceptable</p> <p>Normal Value: Not applicable</p> <p>Turn Around Time: 1 week</p>	<p>No Charge</p>
<p>Influenza A/B/RSV/SARS CoV-2 PCR CPT CODE: 87631</p>	<p>Acceptable Specimen: Nasopharyngeal swab in viral transport medium or universal transport media.</p> <p>Stability: Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 4 days; Frozen: Unacceptable</p> <p>Normal Value: Not detected</p> <p>Turn Around Time: 3 days</p>	<p>\$55</p>

CDC states that *C. auris* has been identified from many body sites including bloodstream, urine, respiratory tract, biliary fluid, wounds, and external ear canal. Approximately half of clinical cases in the United States have been in the bloodstream and the remainder have been found in non-invasive body sites. Many clinical laboratories do not typically determine the species of isolates from non-sterile sites since presence of *Candida* in these sites may represent colonization rather than infection and would not require treatment. However, *C. auris* is important to identify even from a non-sterile body site because presence of *C. auris* in any body site can represent wider colonization, posing a risk for transmission and requiring implementation of infection control precautions. Therefore, any isolate not identified to the species level can be sent to our lab for further classification for no charge. For more information click [here](#).

You may view or print the Directory of Services from our [website](#).

For laboratory web portal questions, or any other questions, please contact our facility at 701.328.6272. Our laboratory looks forward to continuing our service and commitment to you, our valued customers!