

New *Candida auris* Colonization screen PCR test

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Effective February 1, 2026, the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (NDDHHS), Laboratory Services, will offer a new PCR test to screen for *Candida auris* colonization.

Accepted Specimen Type: Collect axilla (armpit)/inguinal (groin) swab in Amies liquid media (ESwab).

For detailed information on specimen requirements, turnaround times, and ordering instructions, please refer to the Laboratory Services website Test Menu:

 <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/Laboratory-Services/microbiology-test-menu>

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact our laboratory at 701.328.6272.

We appreciate the opportunity to support your diagnostic needs and remain committed to providing high-quality laboratory services.