

MLS Laboratory Update: Changes to Invasive *E. coli* Surveillance

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Purpose of this Message:

To notify you of important changes to invasive *E. coli* (iEC) surveillance.

Action Item:

Please carefully review the changes described below.

Background:

Due to changes in priorities at the federal level, we are pausing isolate collection as part of iEC surveillance in persons ≥ 90 days of age in Hennepin and Ramsey County residents. We will continue to collect isolates and case data for statewide iEC surveillance in Minnesota residents < 90 days of age.

For iEC cases with a specimen collection date of **January 1, 2026** or later, please note the following:

- **Continue:**
 - Submitting iEC isolates to MDH-PHL from patients **< 90 days of age**
 - Reporting iEC case data for patients **< 90 days of age**. If you typically email line lists, please send to the *NEW* email address - eip.report.mdh@state.mn.us
 - Reporting iEC cases in Hennepin and Ramsey County residents who are **≥ 90 days of age**. If you typically email line lists, please send to the *NEW* email address - eip.report.mdh@state.mn.us
- **Stop:**
 - Submitting iEC isolates to MDH-PHL from patients **≥ 90 days of age**

Additional Information:

Thank you for your partnership in iEC surveillance. In 2025, with your help, we identified over 1,200 cases and collected 500 isolates. We plan to share an epidemiologic summary of these data in the near future. Your work is instrumental in helping us understand baseline epidemiologic trends and will support the evaluation of future public health interventions. We

will continue to conduct surveillance for neonatal cases (up to 90 days of age) and conduct surveillance for carbapenem-resistant *E. coli* as part of the Multi-site Gram Negative Surveillance Initiative (MuGSI).

Questions:

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Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

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