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Dear Colleagues:

Thank for your being a valued partner in public health. This letter is to notify you of the annual updates to Reportable Diseases in Tennessee, effective January 1, 2022. The List and Detailed Laboratory Guidance document are available at <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html>. Important changes in 2022 are summarized below:

Healthcare Providers/Facilities Only:

- Reporting antibiotic use in acute care hospitals through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) will come into effect January 1, 2022. This reporting requirement was mentioned previously in 2020 and 2021 in anticipation of implementation. For more information visit <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/hai.html>.

Laboratories Only:

- Specimen submission timelines for several foodborne illness-associated organisms have been updated. Please see the Detailed Laboratory Guidance for additional changes.

Due to the nature of the COVID-19 response, COVID reporting requirements will continue to be maintained separately from the Detailed Laboratory Guidance. Please reference <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov/healthcare-providers.html> for the most recent reporting guidance for COVID-19.

Please remember all suspected outbreaks, regardless of etiology, are reportable. For any questions please call your local or regional health department (<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/localdepartments.html>), or (615)741-7247. Again, we greatly appreciate your partnership in public health reporting.

Sincerely,

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