

**To:** Submitters of clinical specimens to the TN Division of Laboratory Services

**From:** Dr. Kara Levinson, Public Health Laboratory Director

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**Subject:** Changes in reporting of *Salmonella* serotyping results

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Dear Submitters,

Effective August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) Division of Laboratory Services (DLS) will no longer provide *Salmonella* serotyping reports to submitters. *Salmonella* serotyping will still be performed but used for public health surveillance purposes only. This change is to better align with Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations.

DLS will continue to provide genus-level identification testing for *Salmonella* species which can be reported back to submitters. Requests for this test should be submitted using the TDH DLS Clinical Submission Requisition (PH-4182) found at our website under Requisitions and Forms (<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/lab.html>).

- If confirmation of organism identification is required, please refer the isolate to another laboratory for testing. You may contact the DLS Bacteriology section at 615-262-6361 within 7 days of final report if access to isolate is needed.

Questions regarding this change may be directed to the Deputy Laboratory Director, Dr. Randal Fowler ([Randal.Fowler@tn.gov](mailto:Randal.Fowler@tn.gov)).

Thank you for your continued partnership.



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