June 7, 2017

To Whom it May Concern

From: Mark Pandori PhD HCLD(ABB), Director, Laboratory Services, Alameda County Department of Public Health

Re: Submission of cultures of suspected carbapenemase resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) to the Alameda County Public Health Laboratory (ACPHL)

Submission of isolates to the ACPHL must include:

-an isolate, which must be submitted pure, on an agar slant* or motility agar slant;

-a paper requisition for the submission of bacterial isolates (State Form: Lab 446 (aka: MDL –N-11) (attached)

-an indication on the requisition that includes the suspected genus, and, if possible, species of the submitted organism, and the results of any tests performed to date in furtherance of identification

*any nutrient agar is suitable, as long as the isolate is pure

-Please transport specimens at ambient temperature.

All isolates with appropriate paperwork should be sent to:

Alameda County Public Health Laboratory
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct. Room 206
Oakland, CA 94605

For questions regarding submission, please contact: Dr. Monica Bender (monica.bender@acgov.org) or Dr. Mark Pandori (mpandori@acgov.org) at 510-382-4300.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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