



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

To: Clinical Laboratory Partners
From: Dr. Aimee Goodier, M.D., Clinical Laboratory Director
Date: 12/16/2024
Subject: Changes in reporting of *Salmonella* serotyping results

Dear Clinical Laboratory Partners,

Effective January 1st, 2025, the Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH) Bacteriology Laboratory will no longer report *Salmonella* serotyping results to submitters. *Salmonella* serotyping that provides information critical for epidemiologic investigations and surveillance studies will still be performed but will be used for public health surveillance purposes only. The Louisiana OPH Laboratory will continue to provide genus-level identification testing for *Salmonella* species which will be reported back to submitters. Please note that this change does not affect current submission requirements for confirmed isolates of *Salmonella* species. The OPH Laboratory is committed to continual improvement, and we continue to work to ensure our laboratory tests provide information that is aligned with its intended purpose. For the most current client services provided by the OPH Laboratory, please navigate to our website at ldh.la.gov/lab. Questions regarding this change may be directed to the Bacteriology Technical Supervisor, Stephanie Kleinpeter (Stephanie.Kleinpeter@la.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aimee Goodier".

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