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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, 2023. The List and Detailed Laboratory Guidance document are available at <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html>. Important changes for 2023 are summarized below:

- During 2022, Mpox (Monkeypox) was added to the Reportable Diseases List. Mpox will remain in 2023 for ongoing surveillance and response.
- Antibiotic resistant pathogens:
 - Carbapenemase-producing *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. (CP-CRPA)
 - Carbapenemase-producing *Acinetobacter baumannii*. (CP-CRAB)
- Emerging Infections Program surveillance
 - *Candida* species isolated from blood are newly reportable in the east Tennessee EIP catchment area.

Routine changes based on CSTE case definition changes, scientific updates in pathogen nomenclature, and new diagnostic tests are also included. Specific changes are included in the Detailed Lab Guidance and Provider List.

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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