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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 the Tennessee List of Reportable Diseases and Conditions, effective January 1, 2025. Annual changes are made based on CSTE case definition changes, scientific updates in pathogen nomenclature, and new diagnostic testing. The Lists for Laboratories and Healthcare Providers, as well as a companion Detailed Laboratory Reporting Guidance document, are available on the Reportable Diseases website (www.tn.gov/ReportableDiseases). Formatting for these documents was updated for 2025. Notably, as we move towards pan-respiratory surveillance and response approaches, **COVID-19** has been removed from laboratory reporting and updated for provider reporting to include only COVID-19-associated deaths in persons <18 years old (similar to Flu and RSV). Other selected changes for 2025 are summarized below:

- **Carbapenemase-producing organisms (CPO):** new grouping added, including:
 - Carbapenemase-producing *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CP-CRAB): expanded to *A. calcoaceticus-baumannii* complex.
 - Carbapenemase-producing *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CP-CRPA): expanded to include resistance to ceftolozane/tazobactam.
 - Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales: changed to carbapenemase-producing rather than carbapenem-resistant.
- ***Escherichia coli* from sterile sites:** added new reporting requirement for laboratory reporting for infants <90 days old for Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties.
- **Hansen's disease:** expanded to include *Mycobacterium lepromatosis*.
- **Orthopoxvirus disease:** expanded to include all orthopoxviruses.
- ***Staphylococcus aureus* invasive infection:** expanded to include methicillin susceptible *S. aureus*.
- **Tuberculosis:** expanded provider list to include positive Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) results for all ages.
- **Viral hemorrhagic fever:** expanded to include Rift Valley Fever.

Please remember all suspected outbreaks, regardless of etiology, are reportable. For any questions regarding public health reporting, please call your local or regional health department (www.tn.gov/LocalDepartments) or call the state health office at (615) 741-7247.

Again, we greatly appreciate your partnership to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of all people in Tennessee.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner