



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF LABORATORY SERVICES

Bill Haslam
Governor

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Susan R. Cooper, MSN, RN
Commissioner

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Dear Laboratory Director:

All Carbapenem-Resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE) isolates are now a category 1b reportable condition. Isolates should be submitted to the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Laboratory Services in Nashville, TN. Please include, with your request form, a copy of the susceptibility report and the organism identification. These data are correlated with other information and provides a more effective assessment of the resistance patterns. If you are submitting an organism that has not been completely identified, please provide that information as well. If you prefer to fax the required reports, please send to 615-262-6393 or if you prefer to scan them and e-mail, please send directly to me at david.smalley@tn.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Smalley".

David L. Smalley, PhD., M.S.S., BCLD
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