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## Health Update

### Outbreak of *Candida auris* at an Alameda County Acute Care Hospital Has Ended

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Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) has been working with Wilma Chan Highland Hospital (HH) in Oakland to investigate and control an outbreak of *Candida auris* (*C. auris*) among adult patients admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU), step-down unit (SDU) and medical/surgical units. **ACPHD no longer considers HH in active outbreak** and will continue surveillance monitoring. Therefore, additional screening measures that were recommended for healthcare facilities accepting patients from HH may cease. In coordination with ACPHD, HH was able to implement aggressive measures to control the outbreak and prevent further transmission. In addition to addressing opportunities to improve general infection control measures, HH has been conducting bi-weekly unit-based screening of patients in affected units and screening of patients upon discharge to lower levels of care.

Patients should not be denied admission or transfer due to colonization, infection, or a pending screening result for *C. auris*. Furthermore, all healthcare facilities should follow the *C. auris* testing recommendations outlined in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) June 9, 2025 Health Advisory [Ongoing Transmission of Candida auris in Healthcare Facilities in Northern and Central California](#).

- Acute Care Hospitals screen patients upon admission:
  - To units with high-acuity patients and prolonged (e.g., > 1 week) lengths of stay (e.g., some ICUs, burn units);
  - From Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACHs) or ventilator-equipped Skilled Nursing Facility (vSNF) ventilator units;
  - With healthcare exposure outside of the U.S., or in regions with known *C. auris* endemicity, e.g., Southern California, Nevada, New York;
  - From a facility with known *C. auris* transmission.
- LTACHs conduct facility-wide admission screening and regular proactive point prevalence surveys (PPSs).
- vSNFs conduct regular PPSs on ventilator units.
- All SNFs continue to provide placement to patients colonized with *C. auris*