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**To Whom it May Concern**

**From:** Mark Pandori PhD HCLD(ABB), Director, Laboratory Services, Alameda County Department of Public Health

**Re:** Submission of cultures of suspected carbapenemase resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) to the Alameda County Public Health Laboratory (ACPHL)

**Submission of isolates to the ACPHL must include:**

- an isolate, which must be submitted pure, on an agar slant\* or motility agar slant;
  - a paper requisition for the submission of bacterial isolates (State Form: Lab 446 (aka: MDL –N-11) (attached)
  - an indication on the requisition that includes the suspected genus, and, if possible, species of the submitted organism, and the results of any tests performed to date in furtherance of identification
- \*any nutrient agar is suitable, as long as the isolate is pure
- Please transport specimens at ambient temperature.*

All isolates with appropriate paperwork should be sent to:

Alameda County Public Health Laboratory  
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct. Room 206  
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For questions regarding submission, please contact: Dr. Monica Bender ([monica.bender@acgov.org](mailto:monica.bender@acgov.org)) or Dr. Mark Pandori ([mpandori@acgov.org](mailto:mpandori@acgov.org)) at 510-382-4300.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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