

## Bacterial Organism Identification for Confirmation of Reportable Disease Isolates

- Comment:** Sites submitting specimens for testing must be approved by the Epidemiology Program at the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure.  
Please call NPHL for clarification at 402.559.2440 or 866.290.1406.
- Comment:** A SPECIAL MICROBIOLOGY Requisition or NPHL Web order must accompany this specimen.
- LIS Code:** BNK
- Method:** Standard reference procedures for bacterial identification.
- Available:** Monday through Friday by 0900.
- Specimen:** Submit actively growing isolated organism in pure culture on agar slant.
- Comment:** Indicate source of organism, identification test results, suspected infection and any other pertinent information.  
See test "AFB/Mycobacterium Identification" for AFB mycobacterium isolates.  
See test "E.coli 0157:H7 culture" for confirmation of E. coli 0157:H7 isolates.  
Unacceptable conditions: Nonviable organism, mixed culture, leaking container.
- Reference:** Full identification of clinically significant isolates.
- Transport:** Room Temperature  
Submit organism in NPHL Triple Pack.  
Specimen must be shipped via NPHL ground courier or Federal Express.  
Call NPHL at 402.559.2440 or 866.290.1406 for pick up.
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