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NPHL ALERT

Motility, Urea and Biochemicals at NPHL

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Sentinel Laboratorians:

In years past, Nebraska Public Health Laboratory has provided our sentinel laboratories with motility and urea media. In addition, some laboratories have also been provided with biochemicals such as oxidase and indole.

Unfortunately, federal funding is no longer available to NPHL to support this activity and therefore supply of these media and reagents to laboratories will be discontinued.

One more shipment of media will be sent out in August to sentinel laboratories. This will allow laboratories time to inquire about purchasing their own commercial media and biochemicals as needed.

In situations where laboratories are not able to perform these phenotypic tests and thus unable to rule-out a biothreat agent, consult with NPHL to determine next steps for testing.

NPHL will continue to re-evaluate this and if a change is needed in the future, NPHL will communicate any decision made to support this activity.

Thank you,
Nebraska Public Health Laboratory.