

Michigan Department of Community Health Bureau of Laboratories
Changes in Test Menu

Due to State Of Michigan General Fund cuts the Bureau of Laboratories has revised our test menu effective January 1, 2010. Submitters who have utilized services that are no longer available need to make alternate arrangements for testing. The following test services have been discontinued or modified:

Laboratory Test	Test Code	Comment
Fungal Culture Referred for Identification	0102	MDCH will only accept isolates from sterile sites. No yeast or dermatophytes for identification, regardless of source, will be tested. MDCH will continue to provide identifications for dimorphic fungi and <i>Nocardia</i> spp.
Fungal Slide and Culture Isolation	0103	No clinical specimens will be accepted for microscopic examination or culture.
Aerobic Bacterial Identification	0200	MDCH will only accept isolates recovered from sterile sites for identification.
Anaerobic Bacterial Identification	0300	MDCH will no longer provide reference services for anaerobes. As part of a public health investigation, isolates may be submitted to CDC via MDCH. Submit a CDC history form with each isolate.
Parasitology Examination (Intestinal)	0501	MDCH will accept routine specimens for O&P examination from local public health agencies only. Clinical laboratories can submit positive specimens for identification or for public health investigation.
Lyme Borreliosis Culture	0708	Serology still available; public health investigations will be coordinated with CDC.
CMV Viral Culture	2230	No longer available at MDCH.
CMV IgG Serology	2580	No longer available at MDCH.
Varicella zoster Viral Culture	2220	No longer available at MDCH.
Herpes simplex Virus, IgG Serology	2590	No longer available at MDCH.
Chlamydia Culture	2200	No longer available at MDCH.
Herpes simplex Viral Culture	2210	No longer available at MDCH.
Toxoplasma IgM and IgG Serology	2130, 2140	No longer available at MDCH.

Also, effective January 1, 2010, MDCH laboratories will no longer contract with Kent County and City of Detroit to perform serum HIV antibody testing. Serum specimens should be sent directly to MDCH. Request test number 2000 (HIV serum antibody) on form DCH-0583. Additional information for HIV serum antibody testing is requested on the back side of the form. This must be completed for important surveillance activities.