Candida auris in New Jersey

Information and Interim Recommendations for Healthcare Facilities and Laboratories

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Intended Audience: ☒ All public health partners ☒ Healthcare providers ☒ Infection preventionists ☒ Local health departments ☐ Schools/child care centers ☐ ACOs ☐ Animal health professionals ☒ Other: Laboratories

Key Points or Updates:
(1) This message is to distribute information and recommendations for laboratories and healthcare facilities regarding C. auris.
(2) Candida auris is an emerging multidrug-resistant yeast that causes invasive healthcare-associated infections. The yeast is difficult to control and has caused multiple outbreaks internationally.

Action Items:
(1) Laboratories that suspect C. auris should notify their local health department or the Communicable Disease Service. Criterion for when laboratories should suspect C. auris are described in the attached recommendations.
(2) When C. auris infection or colonization is suspected, healthcare facilities should implement infection control measures, including placement of patients in single rooms and contact precautions, PPE use, proper cleaning of equipment and patients room. All infection control recommendations are described in the attached recommendations.

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