



***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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