Send Candida Isolates to Your Public Health Lab

What to Send

- All confirmed or suspected Candida auris (C. auris) isolates (any specimen source)
- Candida species other than C. albicans from any specimen source, especially invasive sites
- Yeast isolates from any specimen source when unable to identify species after identification was attempted

Shipping & Testing Are Free | Species ID in 7 Days

Labs that take swift action to submit isolates to their public health lab can help detect Candida and stop its spread.

Candida is one of the most common causes of healthcare-associated bloodstream infections in the United States and antifungal drug resistance in Candida is increasing. There are new and emerging species, like Candida auris, which can spread in healthcare settings and cause outbreaks.

With support from CDC’s Antibiotic Resistance Lab Network, your regional lab can:

- Identify species and detect organisms that are public health threats
- Provide antifungal susceptibility data to track resistance
- Help respond to outbreaks of Candida

CDC’s AR Lab Network can also test:

- Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
- Carbapenem-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa (CRPA)
- Emerging threats, like mcr (plasmid-mediated colistin resistance)
- Other urgent and serious AR pathogens
- Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- Drug-resistant Neisseria gonorrhoeae
- Clostridioides difficile

Find the latest CDC C. auris guidance: (https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/candida-auris)

About CDC’s AR Lab Network

The AR Lab Network can rapidly detect antibiotic resistance in healthcare, food, and the community, and inform local responses to prevent spread and protect people. The AR Lab Network supports lab capacity in 55 state and local labs, including 7 regional labs and the National TB Center. The regional labs provide core testing, including Candida testing and CRE colonization testing, for states in their region. Some perform additional screening for Streptococcus pneumoniae, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, and Clostridioides difficile.

AR Lab Network Testing & Resources: (https://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/laboratories.html)