LABORATORY TESTING

All laboratories shall do the following:

1. When Neisseria meningitidis is isolated from a normally sterile site, test the organism for specific serogroup or send the isolate to the State Laboratory of Public Health for serogrouping;

2. When a stool culture is requested on a specimen from a person with bloody diarrhea, culture the stool for shiga-toxin producing Escherichia coli or send the specimen to the State Laboratory of Public Health;

3. When Haemophilus influenzae is isolated, test the organism for specific serogroup or send the isolate to the State Laboratory of Public Health for serogrouping;

4. When Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex is isolated, test the organism for specific restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) or send the isolate, or a subculture of the isolate, to the State Laboratory of Public Health for genotyping.

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