
Date: December 10, 2015
To: Microbiology Directors, Managers, Supervisors and Microbiologists
From: Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab)
Re: Submitting *Campylobacter* Isolates to ProvLab

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Key Message:

Microbiology laboratories are not required to routinely submit *Campylobacter* isolates to ProvLab for “study” or “surveillance**” purposes.

Why this is important:

Some microbiology laboratories routinely submit *Campylobacter* isolates to ProvLab labeled “study” or “surveillance”. ProvLab does not require routine submission of *Campylobacter* isolates for these purposes.

Action Required:

- Effective immediately microbiology laboratories should discontinue submitting *Campylobacter* isolates to ProvLab for “study” or “surveillance” purposes.
- Laboratories should continue to submit *Campylobacter* isolates to ProvLab as operationally required for identification or confirmation of identification.

**** Note:** In 2016, ProvLab in collaboration with Alberta Health and AHS and FoodNet Canada (Public Health Agency of Canada) will be requiring submission of *Campylobacter jejuni/coli* isolates associated with cases arising in the Alberta FoodNet sentinel surveillance sites. A future notice will be communicated with those laboratories to be involved in this surveillance program.

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