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To: Wisconsin Local Health Departments, Tribal Health Agencies, Health Care Providers, and Infection Preventionists

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**Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) as a Reportable Condition
in Wisconsin**

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Since July 2018, carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) has been a reportable condition in Wisconsin per [Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 145](#). CRE, and specifically carbapenemase-producing carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CP-CRE), has been a Category I reportable condition in Wisconsin since that time. Category I conditions are of urgent public health importance, and require immediate notification by speaking with a local health officer or their designee, followed by a fax, mail, or electronic report within 24 hours.

This memo provides updated guidance for reporting CP-CRE in accordance with ch. 145:

- In alignment with current reporting guidelines for other carbapenemase-producing organisms, CP-CRE shall be considered a Category II reportable condition in Wisconsin, effective immediately.
- This memo also removes the requirement for Infection Preventionists in acute care and nursing home settings to report CRE into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) as of May 1, 2022. Since cases of confirmed CP-CRE are currently reported in the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS), NHSN reporting is no longer needed to enable statewide surveillance for this organism.

Note that a [taxonomy change](#) was adopted in the scientific community in 2020 to use “Enterobacterales” as the name of a new scientific order. *Enterobacteriaceae* are now a family within the Enterobacterales order. Language related to CRE in this memo has been updated to reflect this change.

Case Definition and Reporting Information

For specific information about the CP-CRE case definition, confirmatory testing by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) of isolates suspected to be CP-CRE, and WEDSS reporting requirements, see the [Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms Case Reporting and Investigation Protocol \(EpiNet\)](#).

Contacts

- Wisconsin HAI Prevention Program: 608-267-7711 or DHSWIHAIPreventionProgram@wi.gov
- [Wisconsin HAI Prevention Program staff contacts](#)
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Resources

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Facility Guidance for Control of CRE](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health. Multidrug-Resistant Organism \(MDRO\) Reportables website](#)