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The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) is notifying state and local public health departments that, **effective August 21, 2026, WSLH will discontinue laboratory testing** for the following toxins used in foodborne outbreaks investigations:

- *Clostridium perfringens* toxin
- *Bacillus cereus* toxin
- *Staphylococcus aureus* enterotoxin

WSLH is discontinuing these testing services because the manufacturer of the testing kits used to detect these toxins has discontinued production of the kits. As a result, WSLH will no longer be able to perform these toxin testing services in support of foodborne outbreak investigations.

We recognize that these tests can be an important component of foodborne outbreak investigations and wanted to provide advance notice to our public health partners. Please consider this change when planning laboratory testing for suspected foodborne outbreaks involving these pathogens.

WSLH is actively exploring alternative testing methods and options to support foodborne outbreak investigations. However, identifying, evaluating, and implementing an appropriate alternative method may take some time. We will provide additional information to our public health partners as alternative testing options become available.

We appreciate your partnership and understanding as we navigate this manufacturer-driven change.

Sincerely,

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

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