



WISCONSIN LABORATORY MESSAGE

The WI State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) Communicable Disease Division (CDD) provides laboratory updates and alerts to clinical laboratories statewide. We rely on you to share this message with colleagues in your facility.

CDD Customer Service | (800) 862-1013 | Mon – Fri | 7:45AM CT – 4:30PM CT

WSLH Emergency Pager | (608) 263-3280 | Emergencies only | 24 hours/day | 7 days/week

To update emergency contact information for your facility, please email WCLN@slh.wisc.edu and provide: Full Name | Title | Facility | City | Phone Number | E-mail.

[WSLH Surveillance Program & Data](#) & [WSLH Clinical Test Directory](#)

--- UPDATED SATURDAY SPECIMEN RECEIVING HOURS ---

Starting July 18, Saturday specimen receiving will open at 8:00 AM instead of 6:00 AM.

	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Specimen Receiving	6:00 AM – 4:30 PM	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CLOSED
Customer Service	7:45 AM – 4:30 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED

--- CYCLOSPORA OUTBREAK UPDATES ---

On July 14, the CDC issued [CDCHAN-00531](#) titled: *Domestically Acquired Cyclosporiasis Cases in Multiple U.S. States, 2026*. Cyclosporiasis (caused by the parasite *Cyclospora*) is a gastrointestinal disease that can present with watery diarrhea, loss of appetite, and weight loss among other symptoms. *Cyclospora* infection occurs by consuming contaminated water and food; it is rarely spread from person to person. Since May 1, there have been 1,645 CDC confirmed cases (with greater than 5,100 cases requiring further analysis) in the United States with a very high concentration observed in Michigan. This is approximately 6.6 times the average number of confirmed cases reported compared to last year at this time. Roughly 9% of the 1,645 cases have led to hospitalization with zero deaths reported. The average time to symptom onset is 7 days (2-14 days). Cyclosporiasis is typically under-reported and the true number of cases is likely much greater. As of the week ending July 4, our [WSLH Laboratory Surveillance Report](#) for enteric pathogens in Wisconsin suggests that roughly 2% of tested samples (n=438) for *Cyclospora* were positive (n=9).

Cyclosporiasis is a nationally notifiable disease that needs to be reported to local public health within 72 hours. Regarding surveillance guidance, we request every positive *Cyclospora* stool specimen be submitted (either raw or in transport media) to the WSLH for molecular subtyping for outbreak monitoring. Surveillance specimen submissions are fee-exempt and a report will not be sent to submitters. On the CDD General Requisition form, please check the box for “Parasite, surveillance” and in the “Organism Suspected” please enter *Cyclospora*. The WSLH does not routinely perform diagnostic testing for identification of *Cyclospora*.

--- NEW ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE LAB NETWORK DATA AVAILABLE---

The [Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory Network \(ARLN\)](#) recently made their 2025 Wisconsin data available on the following [WSLH website](#). It will also be included in our updated Laboratory-Based Surveillance Plan booklet in September. The WSLH is one of only seven regional laboratories that supports AR testing that includes, but is not limited to, whole genome sequencing of *Candida auris*, molecular testing of carbapenem-resistant organisms like *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Pseudomonas*



aeruginosa and *Enterobacterales*, and antifungal/antibiotic susceptibility testing to identify emerging resistance. We thank you for your participation and dedication to making these specimens available through the Wisconsin Clinical Laboratory Network (WCLN) for the WSLH to test. This work continues to cement Wisconsin among the elite in AR surveillance.

--- SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS ---

The annual WCLN Regional Meeting locations and dates have been announced. We encourage you to participate in these one-day educational and networking events at a stage most convenient for you.

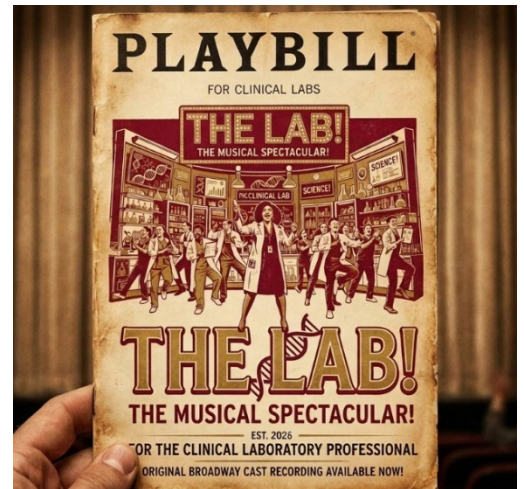
2026 Regional Meeting opportunities:

September 22 | Neenah | DoubleTree Neenah

September 23 | Eau Claire | Holiday Inn Eau Claire South

September 25 | Madison | DoubleTree by Hilton Madison East

More details about reserving your tickets for the show will be advertised in the near future.



--- REDCAP DATA SURVEILLANCE PORTAL IMPLEMENTATION A SUCCESS ---



The WSLH is happy to report that over the first few weeks of implementation our transition from the previous data submission portal to our new REDCap portal has been very successful with an **increase of nearly 7% in overall participation.**

As a reminder, **for the reporting week ending on July 4, 2026 and thereafter** all clinical surveillance data reporting **must** be submitted through the REDCap portal.

The previous portal will still remain available through September 1, 2026 to allow submitters the time to complete any remaining 2025 - 2026 season reporting. This means that data generated **on or before the week ending on June 27 must** be reported through the old portal.

See the links below to familiarize yourself with this important change if you have not already done so. Remember, **you can update the lab default settings to match your lab's current testing.** See *Instructions for REDCap Portal* tab below for details. Please reach out to WCLN@slh.wisc.edu with any additional questions.

[REDCap Data Portal Access](#) | [Instructions for REDCap Portal](#) | [Additional Details](#)

--- WCLN EMAIL LISTSERV AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT LAB COMMUNICATIONS ---

An updated WCLN Email Listserv is now available, giving you the ability to communicate directly with many WCLN partners regarding challenges, problem solving, information sharing, resource sharing, and lab-related issues. This forum is in place to emphasize support and education between clinical microbiology labs in the network. If you are interested in being added as a member to the WCLN Listserv, please fill out this [survey](#). Following submission, you will be sent instructions on how to participate. This WCLN Listserv is different than the one used for monthly Lab Messaging.

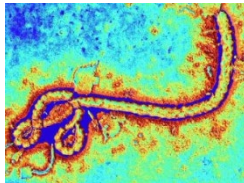
--- UPCOMING AND PREVIOUS CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY WEBINARS ---

Upcoming WCLN Events

Ebola Ready Together: Testing Information and Clinical Lab Action Points

Alana Sterkel, PhD, D(ABMM), SM(ASCP)^{CM}
Associate Director of the Communicable Disease Division at WSLH

July 15, 2026 Webinar Registration
(12:00PM-1:00PM CT)



Foundational Training for the Entry-level Clinical Microbiologist | Basic Skills Part III

Erik Munson, PhD, D(ABMM)
WCLN At Large LabTAG Member

August 7, 2026 Webinar Registration
(12:00PM-1:00PM CT)



Past WCLN Events

Not Playing the Long Game: Accelerated Testing for Mycobacterial Diagnostics

Nathan Simon, PhD
WI TB Lab Program Coordinator at WSLH

June 2026 Webinar Recording

Recommendations for Lyme Disease Testing and Diagnosis in Wisconsin

Rebecca Osborn, MPH
Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist at DHS

May 2026 Webinar Recording



To access a full listing of upcoming and past recordings, visit the:

[WSLH Training and Events page](#)

American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Press Sponsored Events

Session I: Respiratory Cultures

Posted recording (from February 2026)

Blake W. Buchan, PhD, D(ABMM)

*Professor, Department of Pathology, MCW
Director, Clinical Microbiology, Children's WI*

Session II: Urine Cultures

Posted Recording (from May 2026)

**Christopher D. Doern, PhD, D(ABMM) &
Alexandra L. Bryson, PhD, D(ABMM)**

Session III: Wound Cultures

July 21, 2026 (11:00AM CT)

**Nicholas M. Moore, PhD, D(ABMM),
MLS(ASCP)^{CM}**

*Associate Director of Clinical Microbiology &
Associate Professor, Rush Univ. Medical Center*

Session IV: Body Fluid Cultures

November 4, 2026 (11:00AM CT)

Kevin Alby, PhD, D(ABMM)

Director of Microbiology, Brown Univ. Health