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ATTENTION HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS



- Effective October 1, 2019, the Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Clinical Laboratories' Mycotics Branch will discontinue testing non-sterile clinical specimens (scalp, sputum, skin, nails, hair, urine, etc.) for fungal identification.
- Sterile specimens (pleural fluid, spinal fluid, thoracentesis fluid, etc.) and cultured isolates will be accepted and identified as usual.

Contact the Mycotics Branch or Stacey Hall at 334-260-3472 or email <u>altblab@adph.state.al.us</u> if you have questions regarding this bulletin.

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