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Information for Healthcare Providers on Cyclosporiasis Testing in Erie County

Testing Recommendations

Due to the recent national outbreak related to cyclosporiasis, testing is in high demand. Cyclosporiasis testing is only available through outside laboratories at this time (Quest, LabCorp, etc.). There are no facilities within the county that can perform in-house testing at this time. If you are contracted with an outside laboratory already for other testing, it is preferred to utilize them for patients that are suspected to have cyclosporiasis rather than sending patients to other facilities.

While also testing for cyclosporiasis, it is encouraged to test for other GI illnesses because Erie County is experiencing an increase in other cases such as salmonella, campylobacter, and norovirus. The treatments are not the same for all GI illnesses and in some cases can exacerbate symptoms if prescribed incorrectly.

Ohio Department of Health Testing

For patients presenting with suspected enteric illness, the Ohio Department of Health is requesting that a gastrointestinal (GI) pathogen panel be performed and that testing for Cyclospora be included. If a patient tests positive for Cyclospora, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health request that the clinical specimen be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory for additional testing and characterization. For more information about cyclosporiasis, please visit www.cdc.gov/cyclosporiasis.

Contact Information

For any questions regarding cyclosporiasis disease or testing, please contact Taylor Kula, Chief of Epidemiology, at (419) 626-5623 x5103 or tkula@echdohio.org.

For any questions regarding the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory, please contact them at (614) 466-3543.

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