



**REPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION OF A SELECT AGENT OR TOXIN FROM A CLINICAL/DIAGNOSTIC SPECIMEN (APHIS/CDC FORM 4A)**

FORM APPROVED  
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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Read guidance instructions at [www.selectagents.gov](http://www.selectagents.gov) before completing this form. Answer all items completely and type or print in ink. The form must be signed and submitted to either APHIS or CDC by email attachment, fax, or mail:

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Agricultural Select Agent Program  
4700 River Road Unit 2, Mailstop 22, Cubicle 1A07  
Riverdale, MD 20737  
FAX: (301) 734-3652  
E-mail: [Agricultural.Select.Agent.Program@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Agricultural.Select.Agent.Program@aphis.usda.gov)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Division of Select Agents and Toxins  
1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop A46  
Atlanta, GA 30333  
FAX: (404) 718-2096  
Email: [CDCForm4@cdc.gov](mailto:CDCForm4@cdc.gov)

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SECTION A – REFERENCE LABORATORY INFORMATION					
1. Name of individual completing Sections A and B: First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____		2. Email address: _____		3. Telephone #: _____	
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Entity (APHIS or CDC Registration #: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical or Diagnostic Laboratory [non-registered entity (NRE)] (NRE # (provided by APHIS or CDC): _____)			9. Entity name: _____		
5. Responsible Official or Laboratory Supervisor name: First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____			10. Address (NOT a post office address): _____		
6. Telephone #: _____	7. Fax #: _____	8. Email address: _____	11. City: _____	12. State: _____	13. Zip Code: _____
SECTION B – SELECT AGENT OR TOXIN IDENTIFIED FROM CLINICAL/DIAGNOSTIC SPECIMEN(S)					
1. Select Agent or Toxin Identified: _____				2. Date identified: _____	
3. Case/patient/sample ID #(s): _____		4. # of samples received: _____	5. Sample type(s) received: _____		6. Case/patient origin (zip code): _____
7. Dispositions of select agent or toxin (complete all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Transferred (Provide entity name and date of transfer. Entity: _____ Date: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed (Provide destruction method and date. Method: _____ Date: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Retained (Provide name of person retaining sample. Name: _____)					
8. Were any of the samples containing a select agent or toxin handled outside of primary containment which may have led to an unintentional release and/or exposure to the select agent or toxin? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If Yes, you are required under 7 CFR Part 331.19, 9 CFR Part 121.19, and 42 CFR Part 73.19 to complete and submit an APHIS/CDC Form 3)					
9. Do you anticipate receiving additional samples/specimens for this case/patient that originate from the initial case (e.g. patient, environmental sample)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If Yes, please refer to the guidance instructions at <a href="http://www.selectagents.gov">www.selectagents.gov</a> for further directions.)					
10. Has the sender(s) (i.e. sample provider(s)) of the specimen(s) been notified of the identification of the select agent or toxin? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <b>NOTE: Please request completed and signed Sections C &amp; D from each laboratory that was in possession of the specimen(s).</b>					
11. Comments / Notes:     					

I hereby certify that the information contained in Sections A and B of this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I knowingly provide a false statement on any part of this form, or its attachments, I may be subject to criminal fines and/or imprisonment. I further understand that violations of 7 CFR 331, 9 CFR 121, or 42 CFR 73 may result in civil or criminal penalties, including imprisonment.

Signature of Responsible Official/Laboratory Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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4. <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Entity (APHIS or CDC Registration #: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical or Diagnostic Laboratory [non-registered entity (NRE)] (NRE # (provided by APHIS or CDC): _____)			9. Entity name: _____		
5. Responsible Official or Laboratory Supervisor name: First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____			10. Address (NOT a post office address): _____		
6. Telephone #: _____	7. Fax #: _____	8. Email address: _____		11. City: _____	12. State: _____ 13. Zip Code: _____
SECTION D – SPECIMEN(S) CONTAINING SELECT AGENT OR TOXIN PROVIDED TO REFERENCE LABORATORY					
1. Date specimens (s) shipped to Reference Laboratory: _____		2. # of specimens provided: _____		3. Case/patient /sample ID #(s): _____	
4. Sample type(s) provided: _____				5. Case/patient/sample origin (zip code): _____	
6. Date notified by Reference Laboratory of select agent or toxin identification: _____			7. Select agent or toxin identified by Reference Laboratory: _____		
8. Dispositions of select agent or toxin (complete all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Transferred (Provide entity name and date of transfer. Entity: _____ Date: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed (Provide destruction method and date. Method: _____ Date: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Retained (Provide name of person retaining sample. Name: _____)					
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