

ATTACHMENT – H: Advance Survey Notification Email

Send message 1 week prior to survey opening [Date TBD pending OMB approval]

From: Mitchell A. Yakrus, MS, MPH.

To: Public Health Laboratory Directors or their designees

Subject: Evaluation of a CDC Service for the Molecular Detection of Drug Resistance (MDDR) to Rapidly Identify Multidrug-Resistant Isolates of TB

Dear [Insert Public Health Laboratory Director name]

The Laboratory Branch in the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination at CDC requests your feedback on the Molecular Detection of Drug Resistance (MDDR) service for isolates of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (MTBC). We have developed a short online survey (19 questions) to determine if Health Officials experience difficulty interpreting MDDR results from CDC and what steps they take before these results are reported to health care providers. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

In addition to the survey, you will be receiving a data collection form for each isolate that was submitted to the MDDR service. This form will be used to collect local drug susceptibility test (DST) results from testing conducted either in-house or referred to another laboratory. The data collected will be used for measuring discordance with MDDR results from CDC.

Completion of either the survey or data collection forms is entirely voluntary and your responses will not be shared in an identifiable form. Information from the survey and data collection instrument will provide the basis for implementing improvements to the MDDR testing service. Links to the survey and data collection instruments including additional instructions will be sent on [Enter date]. We ask you return the completed survey and data collection instruments by [actual date TBD pending OMB approval].

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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