

## Current State Health Department Reporting and Testing Practices for *Campylobacter* and Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC)

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### Introductory email to state health departments

Dear Dr. X,

I hope this email finds you well. I am an epidemiologist with the Enteric Diseases Epidemiology Branch at CDC. We are looking to update our national picture of the epidemiology and laboratory surveillance capacity of State Health Departments for *Campylobacter* and Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC). We are reaching out to all state health departments in the US to gather information on the *Campylobacter* and STEC surveillance and reporting nationally. I wasn't sure who the best point of contact would be regarding enteric disease surveillance in your state, so if it should be directed to someone else, please let me know. The Enteric Diseases Laboratory Branch at CDC is simultaneously sending out a Laboratory module to all state public health laboratories to gather information on laboratory capacity for *Campylobacter* and STEC testing in your state.

We have designed an online questionnaire using SurveyMonkey containing 13 questions regarding: 1) the reporting history of *Campylobacter* in your state 2) the reporting practices regarding *Campylobacter* cases and outbreaks in your state to CDC and 3) the testing practices for *Campylobacter* and STEC isolates in your state. I have attached below a link to the module which should take on average 10 minutes. In addition to updating our knowledge of how *Campylobacter* and STEC surveillance is being conducted at the state level, we will summarize the responses from all contacted health departments and send that out in a final report.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions,

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