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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your participation in public health in Tennessee. Your assistance in reporting diseases and events assist with ongoing public health interventions, primary prevention efforts, and emerging disease issues. This letter is to notify you of recent changes in the Tennessee's reportable disease list. The list will be effective on January 1, 2016. The Reportable Diseases and Events Matrix list is available at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/ReportableDiseases/>. Important changes and reminders for reportable diseases and events in 2016 include:

- In addition to the Reportable Diseases and Events Matrix, Reportable Diseases and Events Laboratory Reporting Guidance for 2016 is available for review at: https://tn.gov/assets/entities/health/attachments/TN_Reportable_Events_Guidance.pdf
- *Campylobacter* and *Cryptosporidium*-positive specimens are now referral specimens and should be forwarded to the State Laboratory
- Any suspected or known outbreak is reportable even if the disease or event is not specifically listed

If you have any questions regarding the Reportable Diseases and Events Matrix, please call (615)741-7247 and ask for the program responsible for the pathogen in question. Again, we greatly appreciate your partnership in public health reporting. Thank you for helping TDH in our mission to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

Sincerely,

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