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To Oregon Clinical Laboratory Partners,

This notice is to inform you that the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) will discontinue *Aeromonas* spp. and *Plesiomonas shigelloides* identification using biochemical methods effective September 1, 2023.

OSPHL is discontinuing this testing because clinical laboratory methods have evolved over the past 10 years such that OSPHL's methods are unnecessary for identification. A recent survey of Oregon's clinical laboratories indicated that discontinuing this testing would not negatively affect clinical laboratories.

Please also note submission of these samples or isolates is not required by Oregon Administrative Rule.

Sincerely,

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