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Dear OSPHL Clients and Partners,

The Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) is currently experiencing a manufacturer backorder of an organism identification test kit used for the identification of *Yersinia* species. Please share this notice with your colleagues who may need to know this information.

How is testing affected?

Continue to submit specimens and isolates to OSPHL as you typically would. OSPHL will continue to perform *Yersinia* identification using biochemical methods. When biochemical testing does not provide a reliable species-level identification, results will be reported only at the genus level until the backorder is resolved.

How long will the testing be affected?

The manufacturer has stated that the backorder is expected to resolve around the end of February. We will notify you as we learn more about the backorder.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and for your understanding during this situation. Please contact the laboratory with questions.

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Sincerely,

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