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Dear OSPHL Clients and Partners,

The Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) is pleased to inform you that the recent manufacturer backorder of an organism identification test kit used for the identification of *Yersinia* species has been resolved. Please share this notice with your colleagues who may need to know this information.

How is testing affected?

Since the backorder was resolved the week of March 30, OSPHL resumed *Yersinia* species identification when biochemical identification is unable to provide a reliable species-level identification.

Yersinia isolates tested and reported at the genus level during the backorder will not be routinely re-tested and reported at the species level.

How long was testing affected?

OSPHL notified submitting facilities about the test kit backorder on [January 26, 2026 \(pdf\)](#).

Thank you for your patience during this situation. Please contact the laboratory with questions.

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Sincerely,

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