

2. Report these lab results

All medical laboratories in Santa Cruz County should report test results of public health significance to HSA so we can issue appropriate public health alerts and coordinate intervention. Reporting is not only vital for public health, but it's required by California state law (CCR Title 17, §2505).

Phone HSA's Disease Control Unit immediately!

📞 454-4114 workdays

📞🕒 471-1183 hotline
off hours, weekend, & holidays

If results indicate:

Anthrax

Botulism

Brucellosis

Plague (animal or human)

SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory
Syndrome)

Smallpox

Tularemia

Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (Ebola,
Crimean-Congo, Lassa, or Marburg
viruses)

**Medical labs are in the
position to sound an early-
warning alarm for a
number of infectious
diseases.**

All phone numbers area code 831

Phone or fax within 1 working day

📞 454-4114

📠 454-5049 fax

If results indicate:

Chlamydial infections

Cryptosporidiosis

Diphtheria

Encephalitis (arboviral)

Escherichia coli O157:H7 infection

Gonorrhea

Hepatitis A

*acute infection by HAV IgM antibody
test or positive antigen test*

Hepatitis B

*acute infection by IgM anti-HBc
antibody test or positive antigen test*

Listeriosis

Malaria

Measles (Rubeola)

*acute infection by IgM antibody test
or positive viral antigen test*

Rabies (animal or human)

Salmonella

Shigella

Syphilis

Tuberculosis

Typhoid

Vibrio infections

What to report

Include this information in your report to Disease Control Unit:

- Date specimen was obtained and source (blood, sputum, etc.)
- Specimen accession or unique ID #
- Lab findings for tests performed and date of result
- Patient ID number
- Patient info (name, gender, DOB, address, phone)
- Health care provider who ordered test (name, address, phone)

Special reporting for E. coli O157:H7 , Shigella, & Salmonella


The Public Health Lab will need to examine the culture that confirmed the infection.

Special reporting for Malaria

The Public Health Lab will examine the blood film slides to confirm. If you ask upfront, we'll return the slides to you.

Special reporting for Tuberculosis

Please see special requirements for TB specimens on next page of this Lab section. You might also want to review the article "Think TB" in Section 3.

 To prevent contamination or loss, please do not send any specimens or culture samples by mail or courier to HSA. We will arrange pickup at your lab.