

# Public Health

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To: Healthcare Providers and Laboratorians  
From: Kelly Garcia  
HHS Director  
Re: Designation of Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms in Iowa residents as temporarily reportable  
Date Issued: December 29, 2023

Pursuant to 641 Iowa Administrative Code 1.3 (139A), I, as the Director of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, temporarily designate any organism from a human specimen (including screening or surveillance swabs) that is found to be carbapenemase-producing (or contains a carbapenemase gene) using phenotypic, molecular or whole-genome sequencing methods of identification as reportable in Iowa. This designation will begin on January 1, 2024 and remain in place until December 31, 2024.

All Iowa health care providers and public, private, and hospital laboratories are required to report any organism from a human specimen (including screening or surveillance swabs) that is found to be carbapenemase-producing (or contains a carbapenemase gene) using phenotypic, molecular or whole-genome sequencing methods of identification within three days of identification. Reports may be made by phone (1-800-362-2736) or electronically through the Iowa Disease Surveillance System (IDSS).



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Kelly Garcia  
HHS Director

Dec 29, 2023

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**641-1.3 (139A, 141A) Reportable communicable and infectious diseases.** Reportable communicable and infectious diseases are those listed in Appendix A. The director may also designate any disease, poisoning or condition or syndrome temporarily reportable for the purpose of a special investigation.

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