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To: Skilled Nursing Facility Administrators and Directors of Nursing, Medical Providers, Infection Preventionists, Clinical Laboratories, and Other Health Care Providers

From: Divisions of Patient Safety and Quality and Infectious Diseases

Date: October 29, 2018

Re: *Candida auris* public health reporting in Illinois

Candida auris (*C. auris*) is a yeast of public health concern due to its ability to cause outbreaks in health care settings, and because it is often multidrug-resistant (i.e., cannot be treated by many of the common types of antifungal medications). The first case of *C. auris* was reported in Illinois in May 2016. As of October 17, 2018, 84 clinical cases have been reported, and 305 cases have been identified as colonized through screening efforts. More information on *C. auris* can be found at the IDPH [website](#).

Given the increasing case numbers of this pathogen of public health significance, *C. auris* is a reportable disease under the Control of Communicable Diseases Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 690.565, Outbreaks of Public Health Significance). All cases identified via routine clinical care or for screening purposes should be reported to your local health department via phone or email within seven days. A list of local health department contacts can be found at this [link](#). Local health departments are asked to contact IDPH regarding case identification at dph.XDRORegistry@illinois.gov.

Also, in accordance with Section 200(d)(4) of the CD Code, to prevent the spread of an infectious disease, IDPH or local health departments may share confidential information contained in surveillance reports and other individually identifiable health information with health care facilities and health care providers for treatment, prevention and control purposes (Control of Communicable Diseases Code, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 690.200(d)(4)). Confidential information will only be shared with other health care providers or facilities for the purposes of treatment, prevention, and response and this information will be shared in a manner that protects confidentiality of all protected health information.