NEW: *Candida auris* Disease Chapter and Training Resources for Local Health Departments

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Public Health Message Type: ☐ Alert ☐ Advisory ☐ Update ☒ Information

Intended Audience: ☒ All public health partners ☐ Healthcare providers ☐ Infection preventionists
☒ Local health departments ☐ Schools/childcare centers ☐ACOs
☐ Animal health professionals ☐ Other:

Summary

- New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) is offering a series of *Candida* (*Candidozyma*) *auris* (*C. auris*) webinars and office hours to provide local health departments with the necessary information and training to conduct routine case surveillance, investigation and response (see attachment).
- *C. auris* became reportable in New Jersey in January 2026; local health departments are expected to start conducting routine *C. auris* case investigations by January 2027.
- The Communicable Disease Manual Chapter for *C. auris* is now available on the NJDOH *C. auris* disease webpage (see "Resources").
    - Additional training and educational resources developed for local health departments are also available on the *C. auris* disease webpage (see "Resources").

Background

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) is excited to share that several new *Candida (Candidozyma) auris* (*C. auris*) educational and training resources for local health departments (LHDs), including the disease chapter, are now available on the *C. auris* disease webpage. *C. auris* became a reportable condition in New Jersey in January 2026 and LHDs are expected to start conducting routine case investigations by January 2027.

In addition to the disease chapter and supporting resources developed for LHDs, NJDOH is offering a webinar and office hours series to provide LHDs with practical education and training in routine *C. auris* surveillance, case investigation and outbreak response. These sessions will equip participants with the knowledge, tools, and guidance needed to confidently identify, investigate and respond to *C. auris* cases and outbreaks. Please see the attached flyer for instructions on how to register for each webinar/office hours session.

Recommendations for Local Health Departments

- Read and review the *C. auris* disease chapter and supporting resources for LHDs (see "Resources").
- Register for each *C. auris* webinar and office hours session (see attachment).
- Ensure LHD staff are familiar and comfortable with the expectations and responsibilities for *C. auris* case investigations by January 2027.

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Resources

- NJDOH *C. auris* Disease Webpage: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/cauris.shtml
- NJDOH *C. auris* Disease Chapter: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hai/njdoh-candida-auris-disease-chapter-sept2026.pdf
- NJDOH CDRSS Data Field Completion Guide for *C. auris*: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hai/cdrss-data-field-completion-guide-candida-auris-sept2026.pdf
- NJDOH *C. auris* Reporting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hai/njdoh-candida-auris-reporting-faqs-august2026.pdf
- NJDOH *C. auris* Case Patient Investigation Checklist: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hai/njdoh-candida-auris-case-patient-investigation-checklist-tool-sept2026.pdf
- NJDOH *C. auris* Healthcare Facility Exposure Investigation Checklist: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hai/njdoh-candida-auris-hcf-exposure-investigation-checklist-tool-sept2026.pdf
- NJDOH *C. auris* Outbreak Investigation Protocol and Checklist: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hai/njdoh-candida-auris-outbreak-investigation-protocol-august2026.pdf
- NJDOH *C. auris* Infection Control Assessment Tool: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hai/njdoh-candida-auris-infection-control-assessment-tool-august2026.pdf
- NJDOH *C. auris* Epidemiologic Assessment: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hai/njdoh-candida-auris-epidemiological-assessment-august2026.pdf
- NJDOH *C. auris* Webinar and Office Hours Series Flyer [attachment]