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Communication with External Partners

July 2018

Monthly Specimen Submission by Mountain Region States

(including City of Houston)

Month	Number of Samples Tested	Mechanisms detected	Number of Colonization samples tested
May-17	1	0	0
Jun-17	10	1 KPC	0
Jul-17	6	2 VIM	0
Aug-17	5	0	0
Sep-17	5	1 KPC, 1 NDM	0
Oct-17	3	1 KPC	0
Nov-17	23	10 KPC	0
Dec-17	2	0	0
Jan-18	3	1 NDM	1
Feb-18	2	1 KPC	0
Mar-18	15	0	10
Apr-18	15	1 KPC	9
May-18	129	30 KPC, 2 NDM, 1 OXA	1
Jun-18	116	12 KPC, 1 NDM	14



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Monthly Specimen Submission by Texas Submitters

(excluding those under City of Houston ARLN Lab)

Month	Number of Samples Tested	Mechanism detected	Number of Colonization samples tested
May-17	1	0	0
Jun-17	54	16 KPC, 1 MCR-1	0
Jul-17	118	13 KPC, 1 OXA-48	0
Aug-17	94	6 KPC, 2 VIM	3
Sep-17	139	9 KPC, 2 VIM	1
Oct-17	103	11 KPC	0
Nov-17	122	8 KPC, 3 VIM	9
Dec-17	105	7 KPC, 6 VIM	1
Jan-18	98	8 KPC, 2 VIM, 1 NDM	3
Feb-18	150	20 KPC, 3 VIM	53
Mar-18	194	24 KPC, 1 VIM, 2 NDM, 1 OXA-48	57
Apr-18	220	22 KPC, 2 NDM, 1 VIM	75
May-18	102	28 KPC, 5 VIM, 1 OXA-48	90
Jun-18	181	26 KPC, 5 VIM, 1 NDM	43



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Submitter Information

- Total number of submitters submitted samples: 80
- Submitter type
 - Public health lab: 8
 - Reference lab: 8
 - Long-term care facility: 7
 - Acute care hospital: 57

Texas Recruitment Effort

HAI epidemiologists played important roles

- Sent letter to Healthcare facilities and reference labs
- Presented at meetings
 - APIC
 - Local infection prevention meetings
 - TX ELC conference
 - Healthcare Safety Advisory Committee
- Hosted a webinar (in collaboration with DSHS Lab)
- Provided ARLN education and resources to infection preventionists and lab staff during epidemiology investigations
- Requested and delivered swabs for colonization testing

Texas Recruitment Effort

Epi and Lab collaborations

- Bimonthly meeting (HAI group and Lab)
- Monthly conference call (Lab and HAI epis, including City of Houston)
- Email exchanges to share findings and issues

DSHS Lab activities

- Designated Specimen Logistics staff member
- More than 200 calls made
- Building relationship with submitting facilities
- Created TexasARLN mail box and shared folder
- Utilization of DSHS Micro Listserv

Regional Effort

- **Communications with Mountain States**
 - One-on-one calls with all states, including Houston
 - Offered help with testing
 - Shared CDC guidance and SOPs
 - Regular conference calls
 - One-on-one calls and emails to individual states
 - Texas ARLN mailbox: TexasARLN@dshs.texas.gov
 - Texas ARLN website
- **Rely on Mountain States for specimen recruitment**
- **Goals for specimen submission**
 - All Mountain Region PHLs
 - 2 large labs/each state for targeted surveillance
 - Significant increase in CRO colonization