



Shipping CRE Isolates to the NC State Laboratory of Public Health for Further Characterization

1. Fill out form DHHS #3390 (<https://slph.ncpublichealth.com/Forms/3390-EntericBacteriology-20170808.pdf>) with the following required information:
 - First and last name of patient
 - Address of patient
 - Medical Record Number of patient
 - Name and address of submitter
 - Collection date
 - For "Specimen Type" select "Isolated organism" and provide the identification of the organism
 - Source
 - For "Test Ordered" select other and write "CRE surveillance"
2. Use the Microbiology Reference mailer or equivalent to ship pure cultures. Please contact Shermalyn Greene (Shermalyn.Greene@dhhs.nc.gov) if shipping materials are needed or if transport assistance is needed. Submitted isolates should be on agar slants. If available, provide any test results.
3. To submit specimens:
 - Write patient's name and one other identifier (e.g., MRN) on the slant
 - Place completed Enteric Bacteriology DHHS form #3390 (one form for each specimen) in outer container to avoid contamination in case of breakage or leakage.
 - Use double-walled or equivalent shipping containers that meet safety requirements.
 - Multiple tubes should be wrapped individually in absorbent cushioning material and securely packaged in a leak-proof container. Include "Attention: Shermalyn Greene, CRE" on the shipping container.
 - When shipping by U.S. mail (slant containers), use first-class postage. Please contact Shermalyn Greene if FedEx is needed. Be sure to place return address on outside of container, regardless of shipping method.

Ship to:

For USPS and State Courier Deliveries
North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health
4312 District Drive
1918 Mail Service Center
ATTN: Shermalyn R. Greene CRE Surveillance
Raleigh, NC 27699-1918

For FedEx Deliveries
Shermalyn R. Greene
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4312 District Drive
Raleigh, NC 27607

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