



May 31, 2024

Changes to the Texas DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule

Dear Colleague,

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) is revising laboratory testing and fees to meet business needs. These revisions are proposed to take effect **September 1, 2024**. Stakeholders may submit comments until **August 31, 2024**, to LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov or the following mailing address:

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Texas Department of State Health Services
P.O. Box 149347
Austin, Texas 78714-9347

Revisions Effective September 1, 2024:

Revisions include discontinuation of existing tests, updating test names to correlate with the Laboratory Testing Services Manual, or lab fee adjustments due to changes in testing method. DSHS will also make any needed changes to the lab specimen submission form. DSHS will send out any revised submission forms no later than August 31, 2024, for use beginning September 1, 2024.

Posted Fee Schedules:

The new fee schedules will be posted on the DSHS Laboratory website by September 1, 2024. To view the current Austin and South Texas DSHS Laboratory fee schedules, please use the following link: <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/fees.shtm>

Please see attachments for additional detail on the upcoming changes. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

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Director, Public Health Laboratory Division

Attachment 1: Austin DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes
Attachment 2: South Texas Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

Austin DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

Effective September 1, 2024

Updates to Test Names (Austin DSHS Laboratory)

Test Name Through 08-31-2024	Test Name Effective 09-01-2024
Clinical Testing Services	
Anaerobic ID, Pure Culture	Anaerobic Isolate Identification
Brucella IgG	Brucella, Total Antibody
Culture, Stool	Stool Culture
Definitive Identification, Bacillus	Bacillus sp., Definitive Identification
Definitive Identification, Campylobacter	Campylobacter sp., Definitive Identification
Definitive Identification, Gram Negative Rod	Gram Negative Rod, Definitive Identification
Definitive Identification, Gram Positive Rod	Gram Positive Rod, Definitive Identification
Definitive Identification, group B Streptococcus (Beta Strep)	Group B Streptococcus (Beta Strep) Identification
Definitive Identification, Haemophilus	Haemophilus sp. Identification
Definitive Identification, Legionella	Legionella sp. Identification
Definitive Identification, Neisseria	Neisseria sp. Identification
Definitive Identification, Staphylococcus	Staphylococcus sp., Definitive Identification
Definitive Identification, Streptococcus	Streptococcus sp. Isolate, Definitive Identification
Definitive Identification, Vibrio	Vibrio sp Isolate, Definitive Identification
Enteric Bacteria, Culture Confirmation	Enteric Bacteria Isolate, Definitive Identification
Influenza Surveillance without Culture (typing, PCR)	Influenza Surveillance (PCR & Typing)
Environmental Testing Services - Microbiology	
Bay Water	Fecal Coliforms, Most Probable Number (MPN), Baywater

Count, Fecal Coliform, MPN Shellfish	Fecal Coliform MPN, Oysters
Definitive Identification, Legionella	Legionella sp. Identification
Potable Water	Potable Water, Total Coliform and Escherichia coli Detection
Shellfish: Vibrio	Food Analysis: Vibrio cholerae Identification
Shellfish: Vibrio, MPN	Food Analysis: Vibrio parahaemolyticus and V. vulnificus Identification
Standard Plate Count: Shellfish	Aerobic Plate Count: Shellfish
Food Testing Services	
Count, Somatic Cell (DMSC) cow	Milk and Dairy: Somatic Cell Count, Cow - DMSCC
Count, Somatic Cell (DMSC) goat	Milk and Dairy: Somatic Cell Count, Goat - DMSCC
Count, Somatic Cell (OSCC) cow	Milk and Dairy: Somatic Cell Count, Cow - ESCC
Count, Somatic Cell (OSCC) goat	Milk and Dairy: Somatic Cell Count, Goat - ESCC
Count, Standard Plate, Milk	Milk and Dairy: Coliform Standard Plate Count - Dairy Products
Dairy Water	Milk and Dairy: Total Coliform MPN, Dairy Waters
Food Analysis: Campylobacter	Food Analysis: Campylobacter spp. Identification
Food Analysis: Cronobacter sakazakii	Food Analysis: Cronobacter sakazakii
Food Analysis: Cyclospora, PCR	Food Analysis: Cyclospora, PCR
Food Analysis: E.coli 0157	Food Analysis: E.coli O157:H7 Identification
Food Analysis: Listeria	Food Analysis: Listeria spp. Identification
Food Analysis: Non-0157 STEC	Food Analysis: Non-O157 Shiga-Toxin producing E. coli (STEC)
Food Analysis: Salmonella	Food Analysis: Salmonella spp. Identification
Food Analysis: Shigella	Food Analysis: Shigella spp. Identification
Food Analysis: Staphylococcus Enterotoxin	Food Analysis: Staphylococcus sp. Enterotoxin Detection
Food Analysis: Yersinia	Food Analysis: Yersinia enterocolitica Identification

Milk and Dairy Products; Count, Coliform	Milk and Dairy: Coliform Count, Dairy Products
Milk and Dairy Products; Coliform Count for Containers	Milk and Dairy Products: Coliform Count for Containers
Milk and Dairy, Freezing Point	Milk and Dairy: Freezing Point
Milk and Dairy: Growth inhibitors, Charm SLBL beta lactam	Milk and Dairy: Growth inhibitors, Charm SLBL Beta Lactam
Milk: Count for Containers, Standard Plate Count	Milk and Dairy: Standard Plate Count, Sterile Containers

Existing Tests Discontinued (Austin DSHS Laboratory)

- Bacteriology Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE)
- Bordetella pertussis, Parapertussis, and Bordetella holmesii Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
- Definitive Identification, Bordetella
- Definitive Identification, Pertussis
- Novel Coronavirus 2012 Real Time PCR (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, MERS Co-V)
- Plague, IgG

South Texas DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

Effective September 1, 2024

Fee Increases (South Texas DSHS Laboratory)

Test Name	Fee through 08-31-2024	Fee effective 09-01-2024	CPT Code
CBC complete, automated with differential	\$1.41	\$1.91	85025