

## ***Candida Auris* Health Advisory** **January 25, 2023**

### **Situational Update**

According to a [CDC 2022 Special Report – COVID-19 U.S. Impact on Antimicrobial Resistance](#), healthcare-associated antimicrobial-resistant infections has increased as a result of changes at healthcare settings during the pandemic (i.e. antimicrobial use, infection control). Healthcare-associated antimicrobial-resistant infections increased at least 15% from 2019 to 2020; antifungal-resistant *Candida auris* increased by 60% during this time. Southern California has been seeing increased *C. auris* cases since 2019 and recent cases have been identified in Sacramento County.

In order to reduce the spread of healthcare acquired infections, a [health order](#) has been issued as of January 23, 2023 that requires the transferring healthcare facility (HCF) to complete Sacramento County Public Health's (SCPH) [Health Care Facility Transfer Form](#) to provide to the receiving HCF for all transfers among HCFs within Sacramento County. The form is attached. The link is also provided in the Resources section below and can be found on [SCPH's Communicable Disease Control](#) website under Resources. SCPH will also be providing a list of HCFs with known *C. auris* patient(s) via CAHAN as new facilities are identified. The first list is attached for your reference.

Please see prior *C. auris* health advisories for information on surveillance, infection prevention and control, and antimicrobial stewardship.

### Resources:

1. *Candida auris* (*C. auris*) (CDPH):  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/Candida-auris.aspx>
2. *Candida auris* Quicksheet (CDPH):  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/C%20auris%20Quicksheet%20Interim%20070720%20ADA.pdf>
3. Health Care Facility Transfer Form (SCPH):  
<https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Documents/Communicable-Disease-Control/FM-HealthCareFacilityTransferFormFillable.pdf>
4. Multi-drug Resistant Organism (MDRO) Health Advisory 11/23/2022 (SCPH):  
<https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Documents/AZ-Health-Info/ME-MDROHealthAdvisory20221123.pdf>
5. Multi-drug Resistant Organism (MDRO) Health Advisory 12/16/2022 (SCPH):  
<https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/Documents/AZ-Health-Info/ME-MDRCAurisHealthAdvisory20221216.pdf>

Sincerely,



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