



## Health, Seniors and Active Living

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### **Re: Clarification on Salmonellosis (nontyphoidal) Reporting and Case Investigation**

#### **Salmonellosis (nontyphoidal) Case Definition Clarification:**

- An appropriate clinical specimen includes a specimen taken from any normally sterile site such as blood or cerebrospinal fluid OR other specimens such as deep tissue wounds, stool or urine which are not considered to be taken from sterile sites. For the patient to be considered a case, the positive specimen is **not required** to be taken from a sterile site.

#### **Public Health Investigation and Follow-up for Cases with Positive Wound Specimens:**

- Once the case with a positive wound specimen has been referred to Regional Public Health or First Nations Inuit Health Branch, the *Communicable Disease Control Investigation Form* ([www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/form2.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/form2.pdf)) should be completed and returned to the Public Health Surveillance Unit by secure fax (204-948-3044).
- Please note that the *Salmonella Questionnaire* **does not** need to be completed by Public Health and returned to the Public Health Surveillance Unit for cases with positive wound specimens unless otherwise directed by a Medical Officer of Health.
- Please refer to Section 8 of the protocol for case and contact management.

Sincerely,

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