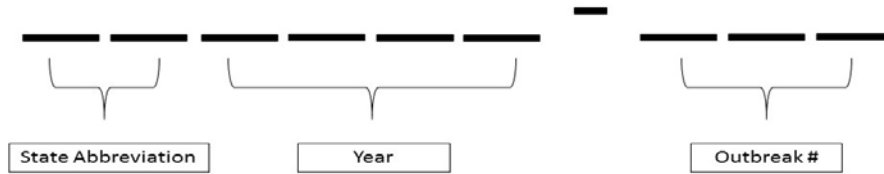


**Requesting *C. auris* Colonization Screenings with the Maryland Public Health Lab**

Submitters can request authorization to perform colonization screenings via email to Dr. Richard Brooks (Chief, OARHAIR), [richard.brooks@maryland.gov](mailto:richard.brooks@maryland.gov), and Liore Klein (ARLN Lab-Epidemiology Coordinator), [liore.klein@maryland.gov](mailto:liore.klein@maryland.gov), copying [mdphl.arln@maryland.gov](mailto:mdphl.arln@maryland.gov). When requesting colonization screenings, submitters must include the following information:

- Reason for screening: confirmed/suspected *C.auris*, screening of patient in shared room/ward/unit with confirmed *C. auris* case, patient with known exposure to a healthcare facility with an ongoing outbreak, etc.
- Number of patients expected to screen
- Planned collection date
- Planned shipping date to Maryland Public Health Laboratory (MDPHL).

Upon approval, submitters will be assigned an approved investigation code in the following format:



Submitters can request swabs from MDPHL by providing the following information:

- Number of swabs requested
- Exact postal address
- Point of contact at delivery location

**Note:** All requests for swabs must be routed through Liore Klein ([liore.klein@maryland.gov](mailto:liore.klein@maryland.gov)) and the Maryland ARLN account, [mdphl.arln@maryland.gov](mailto:mdphl.arln@maryland.gov), should be copied.

**Conducting Colonization Screenings for *C. auris***

Presently, the Lab-Web Portal cannot accommodate *C. auris* colonization screenings, and MDPHL cannot accommodate line-list submissions. Each swab must be accompanied by its own requisition form. The following page has an annotated MDPHL requisition form for ease of data entry. Please do not hesitate to contact us with additional questions.

**Notes on Screening Timing**

Once specimens are collected, Eswabs have a shelf life of four days – they must begin processing within that window period. Please consider this when timing specimen collection:

Collection Day	1-Day Arrival to MDPHL	2-Day Arrival to MDPHL*	Last Day to Begin Testing
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Friday
Thursday	Friday	Monday	Monday
Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

\*In case of unforeseen delay or lag from processing time through central labs. If your central lab processes samples prior to shipping to MDPHL, consider avoiding Wednesday colonization screenings whenever possible.