

**LHD Template: Notification Letter to a Healthcare Facility Regarding a
Presumptive Healthcare-Associated Outbreak of *Candida (Candidozyma) auris***

Subject: Public Health Outbreak Investigation – *Candida auris* at [Facility Name]

Dear [Name of Facility Administrator and Infection Preventionist],

The [LHD] has been notified of a cluster of [Number] cases of *Candida (Candidozyma) auris* (*C. auris*) among [patients/residents] that received care at [Facility Name] in the [Unit Name/Specific Area] between [Date Range]. Based on preliminary information, these cases meet the criteria for a potential healthcare-associated outbreak. Our health department is working closely with NJDOH to initiate an outbreak investigation. We will be in contact in the next several days to obtain any necessary case patient information, coordinate colonization screenings on the impacted unit, and assess infection prevention and control practices.

In the meantime, please review the attached documents, which detail the process for conducting *C. auris* colonization screenings and the appropriate infection prevention and control precautions to implement and maintain for individuals with *C. auris*.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure the safety and well-being of your [patients/residents]. If you have any questions, please contact [Name and Contact Details for LHD]. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[LHD POC name and contact details]