

Sap Comments (CDC)

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As a public health official, I find that having shigatoxin on the SA list is detrimental to epidemiologic investigations. Sentinel laboratories are less compliant about shipping shigatoxin-positive broths to the public health lab because of the added expense and aggravation of shipping them category A. This seems nonsensical and decreases respect for the Select Agent Act.

It also seems irrational to include naturally-occurring organisms such as Fransicella and Brucella on the list, since infections with these regularly occur from natural exposures. They should also be removed.

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