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Re: Bordetella Pertussis Testing Fee at HETL

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Dear HETL client,

Please note that *Bordetella pertussis* testing at HETL is NOT by default a fee waived test. Testing for *B. pertussis* is \$108 per specimen for PCR only and \$128.00 for PCR and culture.

- Including an outbreak code from MeCDC on the test requisition does not guarantee that the test will be fee waived
- Testing is only fee waived when approved by MeCDC infectious disease epidemiology division
- Test results from HETL are provided to submitters *regardless of whether or not the test is fee waived.*
- Clinical submitters who receive a bill for testing from HETL who believe their test should be fee waived should contact the Microbiology Supervisor for HETL at 207-287-6366 or by email at brian.bernier@maine.gov
- For additional information on *B. pertussis* testing available at HETL please visit: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/etl/micro/submitting_samples.htm and click on the downloadable links for Pertussis. Other information on testing at HETL is available at: www.mainepublichealth.gov/lab