

MLS Laboratory Update: APHL Webinar - From Soil to the Sickbed: *Candida auris*, *Aspergillus* and Beyond

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Purpose of this Message:

To provide awareness to MLS laboratorians about an APHL webinar being held, Monday October 27th, 2026, from 1:00 pm CT. The FREE webinar will focus on the current trends in rising antifungal resistance, diagnostic methods for fungal identification, and susceptibility testing.

Action Item:

Register for [From the Soil to the Sickbed: Candida auris, Aspergillus and Beyond Live - APHL Learning Center](https://learn.aphl.org/learn/courses/857/from-the-soil-to-the-sickbed-candida-auris-aspergillus-and-beyond-live) (<https://learn.aphl.org/learn/courses/857/from-the-soil-to-the-sickbed-candida-auris-aspergillus-and-beyond-live>)

Background:

The rise of antifungal resistant pathogens is an urgent threat. Access to high-quality and expedient fungal identification and antifungal susceptibility results is critical to patient care and public health action. In this webinar, experts will share the testing available in clinical laboratories, as well as advanced characterization and antifungal susceptibility testing (AFST) available through the Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory Network (AR Lab Network). Participants will gain insights on the methods available for fungal identification and AFST; as well as how clinical and public health laboratories collaborate to address this growing public health concern.

Additional Information:

Registration for this event is free. Follow the instructions in the link above. This program is intended for clinical and public health laboratory staff, microbiology students, microbiology laboratory staff, epidemiologists, research scientists and anyone else interested in learning more about fungal identification and antifungal susceptibility testing.

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