

## **TESTING OUTSIDE OF THE RODENT SENTINEL PROGRAM**

Investigators may wish to test their animals for organisms not included in the sentinel program. Examples may include:

- Exporting Institution to which you are shipping your animals requires testing for other organisms (*e.g. Helicobacter*, MNV).
- Experiment requires testing for specific organisms.
- Investigator curiosity.

The investigator will need to contract with an outside diagnostic laboratory such as Bioreliance or Charles River Labs for such testing. He or she must complete the submission forms required by the laboratory and provide the lab with a credit card authorization or purchase order to pay for the work requested. CCM can assist with sample collection, if needed, and the time required for this service will be billed to the investigator's grant. The submission forms should be brought to the CCM facility and provided to the CCM staff who are collecting the samples. CCM ships sentinel samples to Bioreliance on Tuesdays and the investigator can include samples with our shipment to save shipping costs. Arrangements for samples going to Charles River should be made directly with Charles River.

The submission form, payment method and shipping arrangements must be made before the samples are given to CCM staff. This testing will not be billed to the CCM Sentinel Program.

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<http://www.criver.com/en-US/ProdServ/ByType/ResAnimalDiag/Pages/home2.aspx>