



Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services



## HEALTH ALERT NETWORK Update



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RE: Contamination of heater cooler devices with *M. chimaera*

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On Tuesday December 6, we requested your assistance in completing an on-line survey that addresses issues surrounding the risk of atypical mycobacterial infection related to open heart surgery that utilized a particular manufacturer's heater-cooler device.

We are asking that the survey be completed by **Friday, December 16th**. Once all responses are received, we will compile the results and report them back to all respondents in an anonymized fashion that protects the identity of respondents. We will also create a link for this issue on the Health Care Associated Infections (HAI) page on our NDHHS Division of Public Health website. If indicated, we will convene a conference call with interested parties early in the week of Dec 19 to discuss a coordinated and statewide approach to patient notification.

The survey is accessible by using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTMinfections>