

2025 BC Lower Mainland Antibiograms

The following antibiograms are profiles of antimicrobial susceptibility testing results of pathogens submitted to LifeLabs in 2023-2024 (for respiratory tract pathogens) in 2024 (for skin and soft tissue and urinary tract pathogens) compiled as per Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) document M39, 5th edition (2022). Results with fewer than 30 isolates are excluded to ensure representativeness and reliability of the susceptibility data.

	l in	ANTIBIOTIC (% susceptible)														
ORGANISM	Number of isolates reported 2023-2024	Ampicillin/ Amoxicillin	Azithromycin	Cephalothin / Cephalexin	Ceftriaxone	Ciprofloxacin	Clarithromycin	Erythromycin	Levofloxacin	Tetracycline ³	Penicillin (oral)	Cloxacillin	Trimethoprim- sulfa		Tobramycin	Piperacillin- tazobactam
Haemophilus influenzae	229	63	97		100	98				89	R	R	63			
Moraxella catarrhalis ¹	110															
Streptococcus pneumoniae	65	>95 ²	68		99		68	68	99	69	74		74			
Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA)	49			100				60		96			96			
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	151	R	R	R	R	77	R	R		R	R	R	R	93	98	97

Respiratory Tract Pathogens (Sputum)

Susceptibility testing for Moraxella catarrhalis is not routinely performed. Most clinical isolates of M. catarrhalis are resistant to amoxicillin but susceptible to amoxicillin-clavulanate, macrolides, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, quinolones, cefuroxime, cefixime, and ceftriaxone.

²Amoxicillin testing is not routinely performed on Streptococcus pneumoniae; however, 2019 testing of a subset of isolates showed >95% susceptibility.

³ Isolates that test susceptible to tetracycline are considered susceptible to doxycycline and minocycline.

Skin and Soft Tissue Pathogens

	pa		ANTIBIOTIC (% susceptible)												
ORGANISM	Number of isolates reporte in 2024	Ampicillin/ Amoxicillin	Azithromycin	Ceftriaxone	Cephalothin / Cephalexin	Clarithromycin	Clindamycin	Cloxacillin	Erythromycin	Levofloxacin	Linezolid	Penicillin	Tetracycline ¹	Trimethoprim- Sulfa	Vancomycin
S. aureus (MSSA)	8326				100		83	100	78				96	99	
S. aureus (MRSA)	1784	R		R	R		72	R	46		100	R	72	87	100
Group A Streptococcus ²	1630	100	75	100	100	75	76		75			100		R	100

¹Isolates that test susceptible to tetracycline are considered susceptible to doxycycline and minocycline; however, isolates that test intermediate or resistant to tetracycline do

not always predict doxycycline or minocycline sensitivity. ²Group A Streptococcus is universally susceptible to penicillin, amoxicillin and cephalosporins, antimicrobial susceptibility testing performed only on a subset of isolates.

Urinary Tract Pathogens

	Ë	ANTIBIOTIC (% susceptible)											
ORGANISM	Number of isolates reported in 2024	Ampicillin/ Amoxicillin	Cefazolin¹ / oral cephalosporins	Ceftriaxone	Ciprofloxacin	Fosfomycin	Gentamicin	Nitrofurantoin	Tetracycline ³	Trimethoprim- Sulfa			
Escherichia coli	25901	58	99	86	65	98	92	98	76	79			
Enterococcus faecalis	4769	100			85	96		99	24	R			
Group B Streptococcus ²	4739												
Klebsiella pneumoniae	4034	R	100	94	89		97	24	88	93			
Proteus mirabilis	1735	76	100	97	85		92	R	R	82			

¹ The data does not represent all isolates because cefazolin was not tested when the resistance pattern suggested patterns of extended spectrum beta-lactamase. Susceptibility was determined using the CLSI breakpoint for uncomplicated cystitis, and therefore cannot be extrapolated to complicated urinary tract and systemic infections. ² Susceptibility testing is not routinely performed on urine isolates of Group B Streptococcus because such infections usually respond to antibiotics commonly used to treat uncomplicated urinary tract infections, such as ampicillin and cephalosporins. Susceptibility to nitrofurantoin and fluoroquinolones is variable.

³ Isolates that test susceptible to tetracycline are considered susceptible to doxycycline and minocycline; however, isolates that test intermediate or resistant to tetracycline do not always predict doxycycline or minocycline sensitivity.



90-100% of isolates are susceptible to the antibiotic indicated (GOOD CHOICE)

- 51-89% of isolates are susceptible to the antibiotic indicated (INTERMEDIATE CHOICE) 0-50% of isolates are susceptible to the antibiotic indicated (POOR CHOICE)

The organism is inherently resistant to the antibiotic indicated OR is not recommended due to poor clinical response and/or poor activity