

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MICROBIOLOGICAL DATA PROGRAM (MDP) DATA DOWNLOAD

Data provided in Microsoft Access database and in delimited text files:

A database in MS-Access2000 format has been included in the data ZIP file for each calendar-year PDP data set. This database has 2 tables already populated with the calendar-year MDP data and has reference tables for the standardized codes seen in the data. The MDP calendar-year data are also provided in pipe-delimited text files that can be uploaded into other database/spreadsheet packages.

The characters "#####" shown in the filenames and data descriptions below refer to the calendar- year for the database (2010 - 2011).

Instructions:

- 1) Click on the **MDP ##### Data ZIP File** link for the desired calendar-year and save the **#####MDP.zip** file to your hard drive.
- 2) In Windows or DOS, use an UNZIP utility on the **#####MDP.zip** file to extract 7 files. There will be 2 text (.txt) files, 1 MS-Access (.mdb) database file, 1 MS-Excel (.xls) workbook file, and 3 Adobe PDF files.
- 3) Open and print the **INSTRUCTIONS #####.pdf** file (1 page). Follow the instructions to work with the MDP data in the provided MS-Access database file or populate the MDP data in your own database system if you don't have MS-Access 2000 or higher.