*Continued surveillance is most appropriate in a hospital setting where the animal will be followed at regular intervals throughout its hospital stay.

† Positive PCR samples will be culture confirmed and any isolates obtained will be characterized by serogroup and antimicrobial susceptibility. With a confirmed-positive animal, it is important to separate the animal from nonaffected animals by isolation or placing barriers. The way in which this may be accomplished will be dependent on the facility’s physical layout and protocols.

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