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## UW-Madison/Extension Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update

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The PDDC is now once again accepting physical samples for diagnosis, but due to COVID-19, only with limited hours and limited sample processing capacity. [Click here](#) for the current submission policy. The PDDC is continuing to provide diagnoses through examination of digital photographs. Digital diagnoses have not traditionally been included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac, because such diagnoses are not verified through lab testing (critical in most situations for a diagnosis to be accurate). However, in an attempt to keep clients as informed as possible, digital diagnoses will be included in the Almanac until normal PDDC operations resume. For Almanac entries below, when a digital diagnosis would normally require a lab confirmation, the disease/disorder will be labeled as “suspected”. The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC from April 25, 2020 through May 1, 2020.

PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE	DISEASE/DISORDER	PATHOGEN	COUNTY
<b>BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS</b>			
Birch (Unspecified)	Unspecified Canker Disease	Unspecified canker fungus	Brown
Oak (Unspecified)	Wood Rot (suspected)	Unspecified wood rot fungus	Muskegon (MI)
Rhododendron	<a href="#">Chlorosis</a>	None	Dane
<b>FORAGE CROPS</b>			
Alfalfa	<a href="#">Aphanomyces Root Rot (suspected)</a>	<i>Aphanomyces euteiches</i>	Dane
<b>NEEDED WOODY ORNAMENTALS</b>			
Pine (Austrian)	<a href="#">Diplodia Shoot Blight And Canker (suspected)</a>	<i>Diplodia</i> sp.	Racine
	Improper Planting	None	Racine
Spruce (Unspecified)	<a href="#">Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Suspected)</a>	<i>Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii</i>	Racine
	Transplant Shock (suspected)	None	Marathon

For additional information on plant diseases and their control, visit the PDDC website at [pddc.wisc.edu](http://pddc.wisc.edu). Follow the clinic on Facebook and Twitter @UWPDDC.