



Utilizing the State Lab for Everyday Community Health and Emergency Response



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Are the oysters safe from **Vibrio** to eat?

How does Newborn Screening and blood spots protect our babies?

Multiple people have nausea, diarrhea, and are vomiting after all visiting the casino – is this an outbreak? How do we respond? What's the **pathogen**?

Do the clams, mussels, oysters have **biotoxins**?

A bat was found at the playground while children were playing – could the bat have **rabies**?

A person was just seen at the clinic who might have **measles** – how do we know for sure, and know quickly to protect the community?

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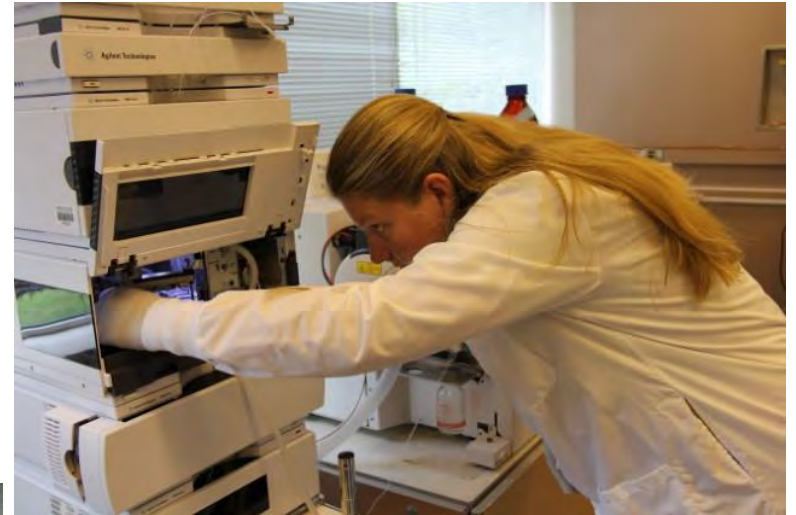
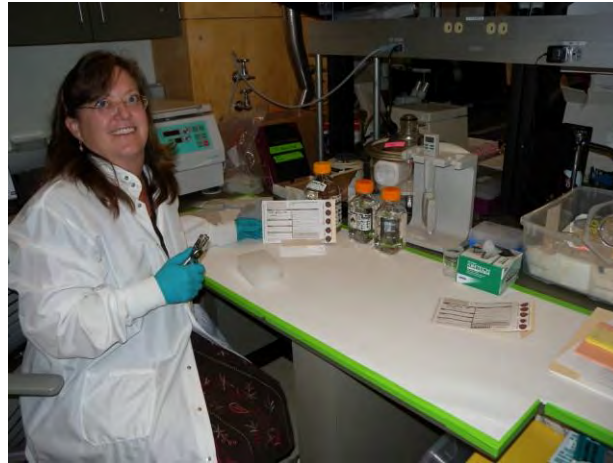
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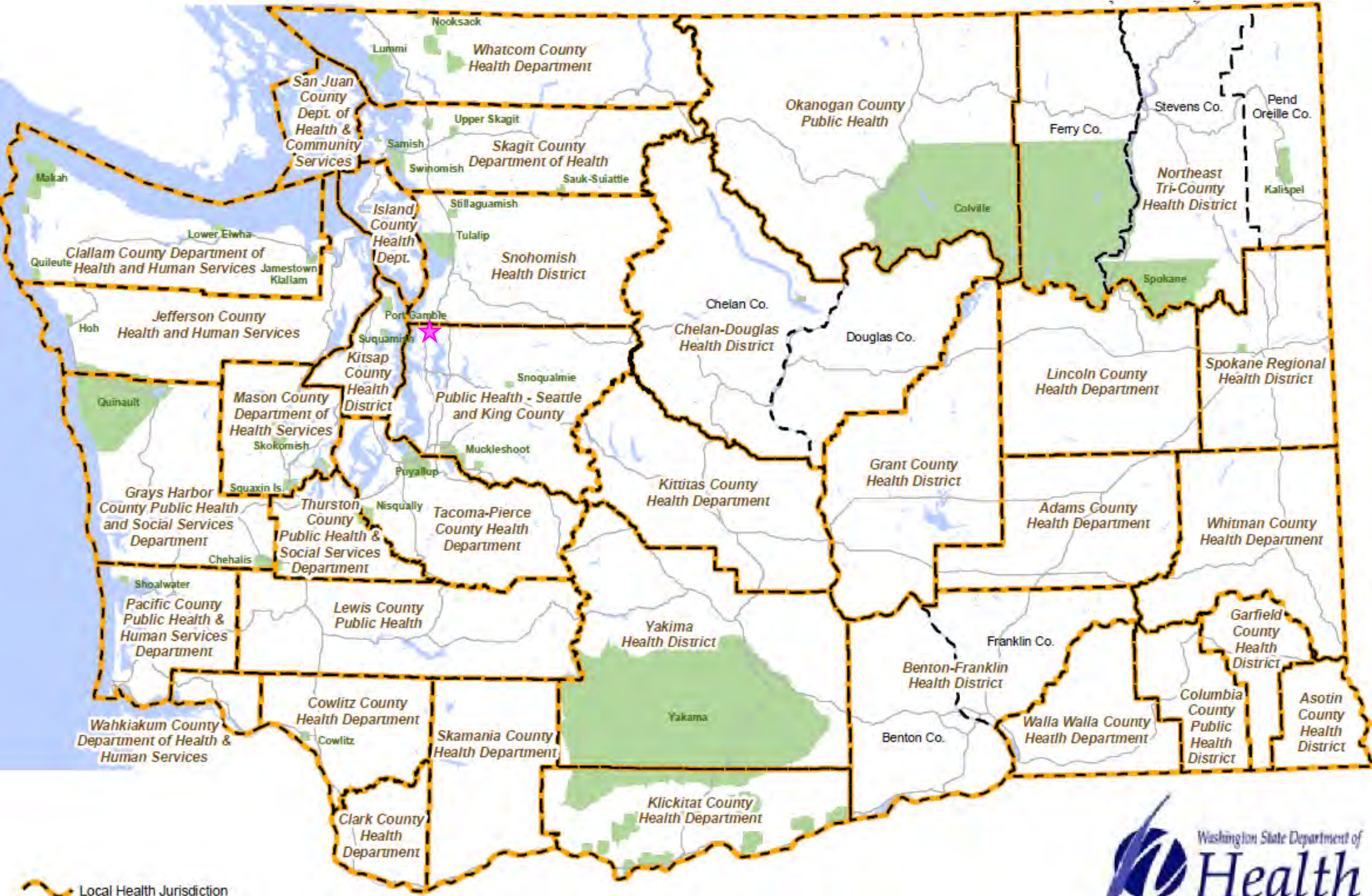
- To make sure appropriate response and control measures.
- To confirm lab testing (rule out lab error or misdiagnosis).
- To determine the common source and spread of outbreak using molecular testing (connect geographically far apart cases).




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- Video highlights of laboratory science and services.
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 - Testing clinical specimens for measles.
 - Testing shellfish for biotoxins.
 - Testing radioactive chemicals.
 - Testing bats for rabies.
 - Testing for potential bioterrorism agents.
- Resources at Washington State Public Health Laboratories.



-  Local Health Jurisdiction
-  County Boundary
-  Federally Designated American Indian Reservation



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Washington Public Health Laboratories



Environmental
Sciences



Microbiology



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Newborn Screening



28 *treatable* rare but serious health disorders screened at Washington state lab.

Amino Acid Disorders Argininosuccinic acidemia (ASA) Citrullinemia (CIT) Homocystinuria (HCY) Maple syrup urine disease (MSUD) Phenylketonuria (PKU) Tyrosinemia type 1 (TYR)	Organic Acid Disorders 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaric aciduria (HMG) Beta-ketothiolase deficiency (BKT) Glutaric acidemia type I (GA-1) Isovaleric acidemia (IVA) Methylmalonic acidemias (CBIA, B, and MUT) Multiple carboxylase deficiency (MCD) Propionic acidemia (PROP)
Fatty Acid Disorders Carnitine uptake deficiency (CUD) Long-chain L-3-hydroxy acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (LCHAD) Medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (MCAD) Trifunctional protein deficiency (TFP) Very-long chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (VLCHAD)	Other Disorders Biotinidase deficiency (BIO) Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) Congenital hypothyroidism (CH) Cystic fibrosis (CF) Galactosemia (GALT) Sickle cell diseases and Hemoglobinopathies (HGB) Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD)

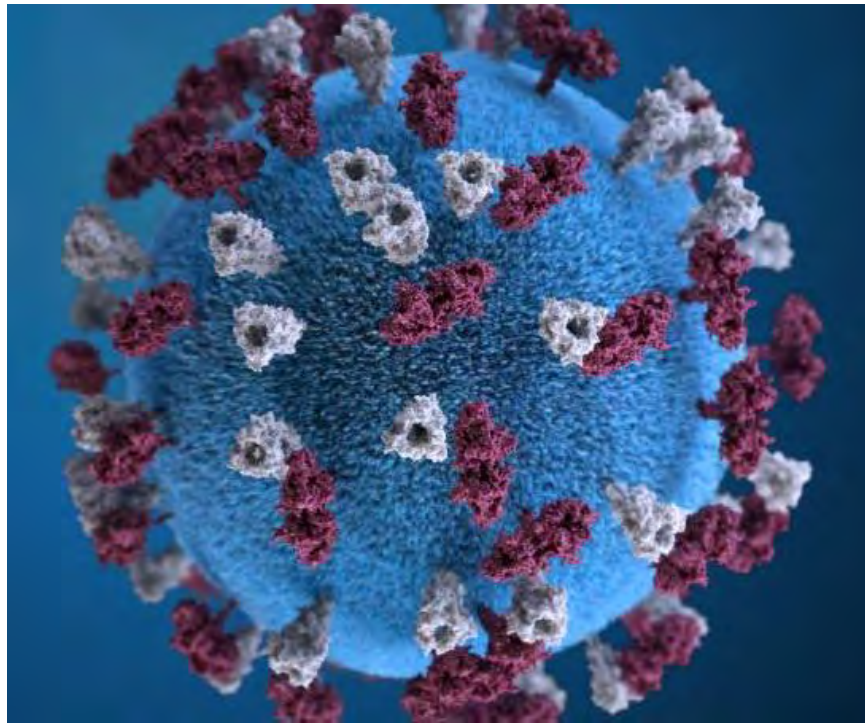
Video for Newborn Screening Program

Testing for *Vibrio* bacteria

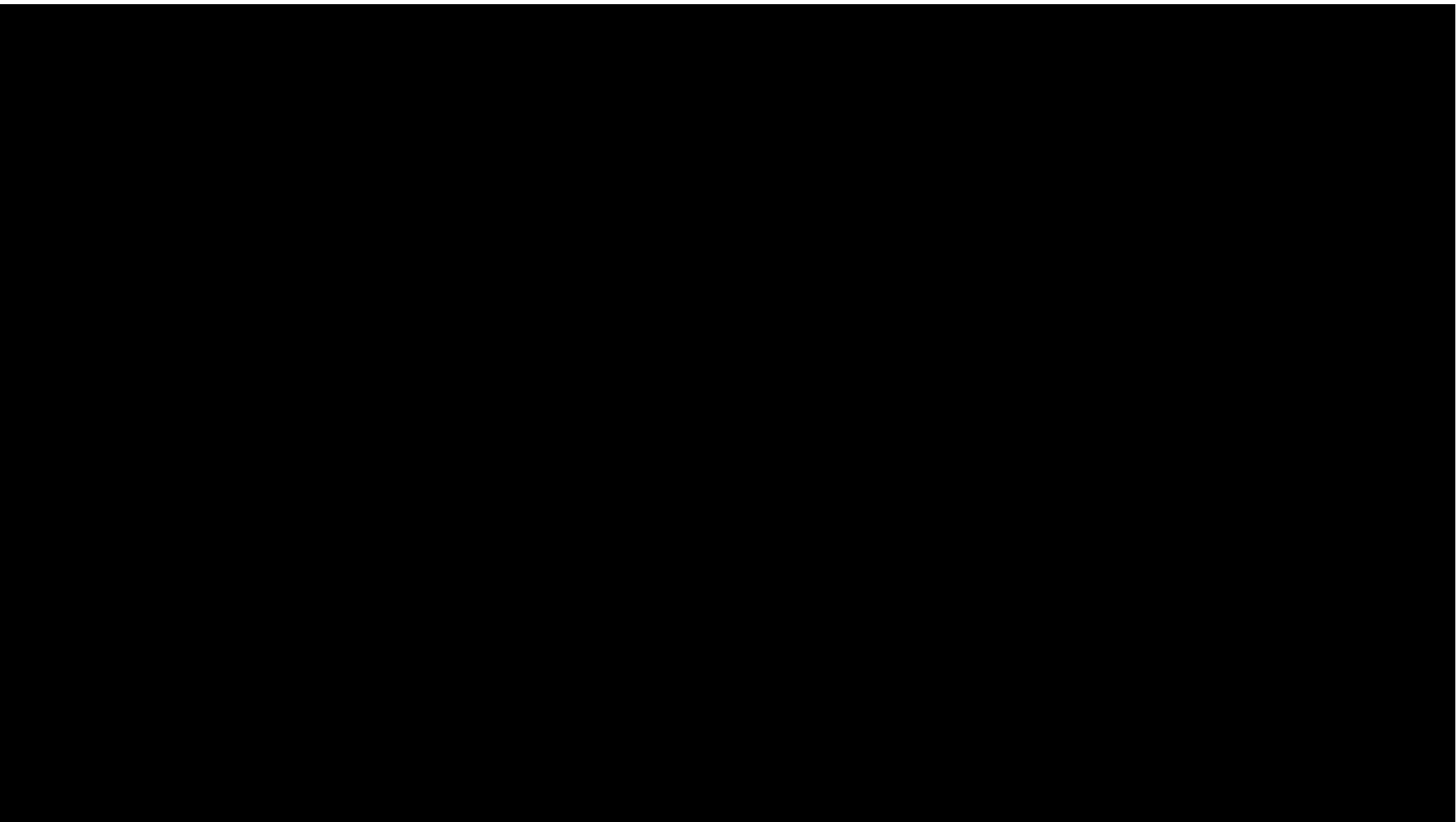


Video for *Vibrio* Testing

Testing for Measles Virus



Video for Measles Testing

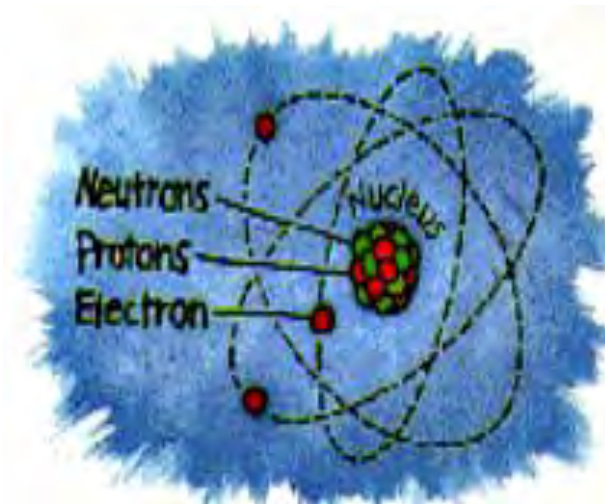


Testing for Biotoxins



Video for Marine Biotoxins in Shellfish Testing

Testing for Radioactive Chemicals

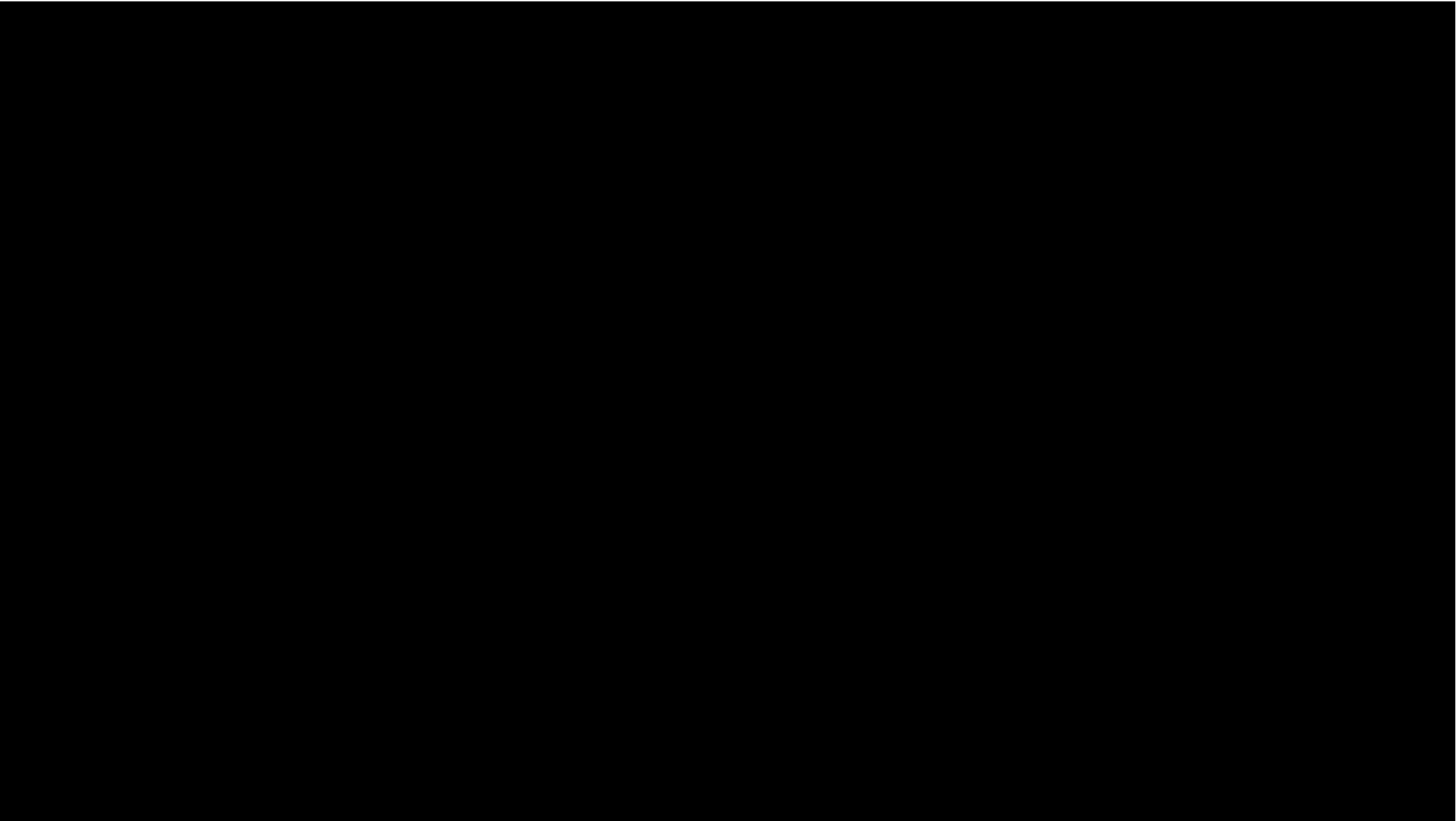


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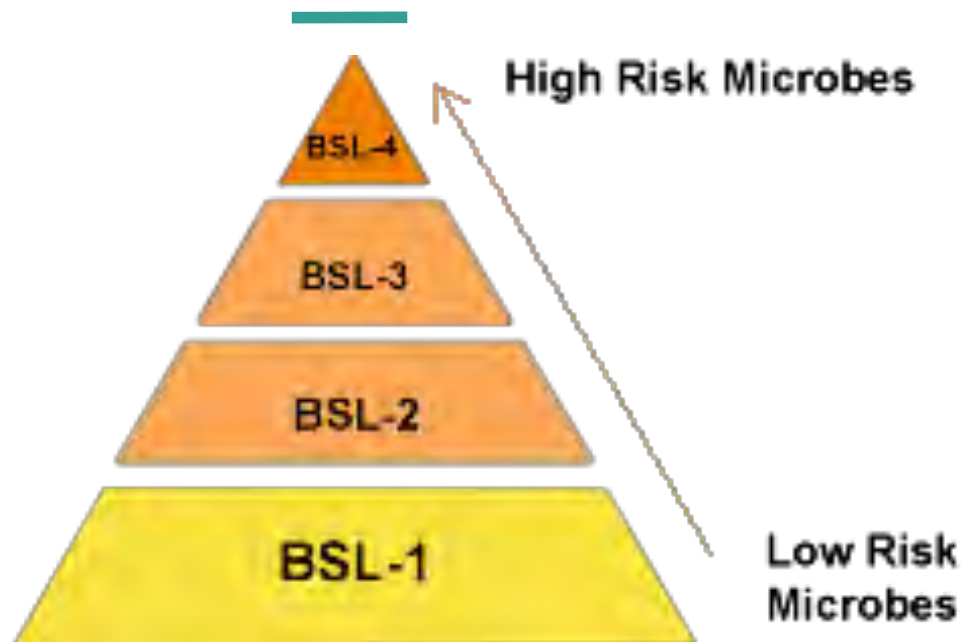
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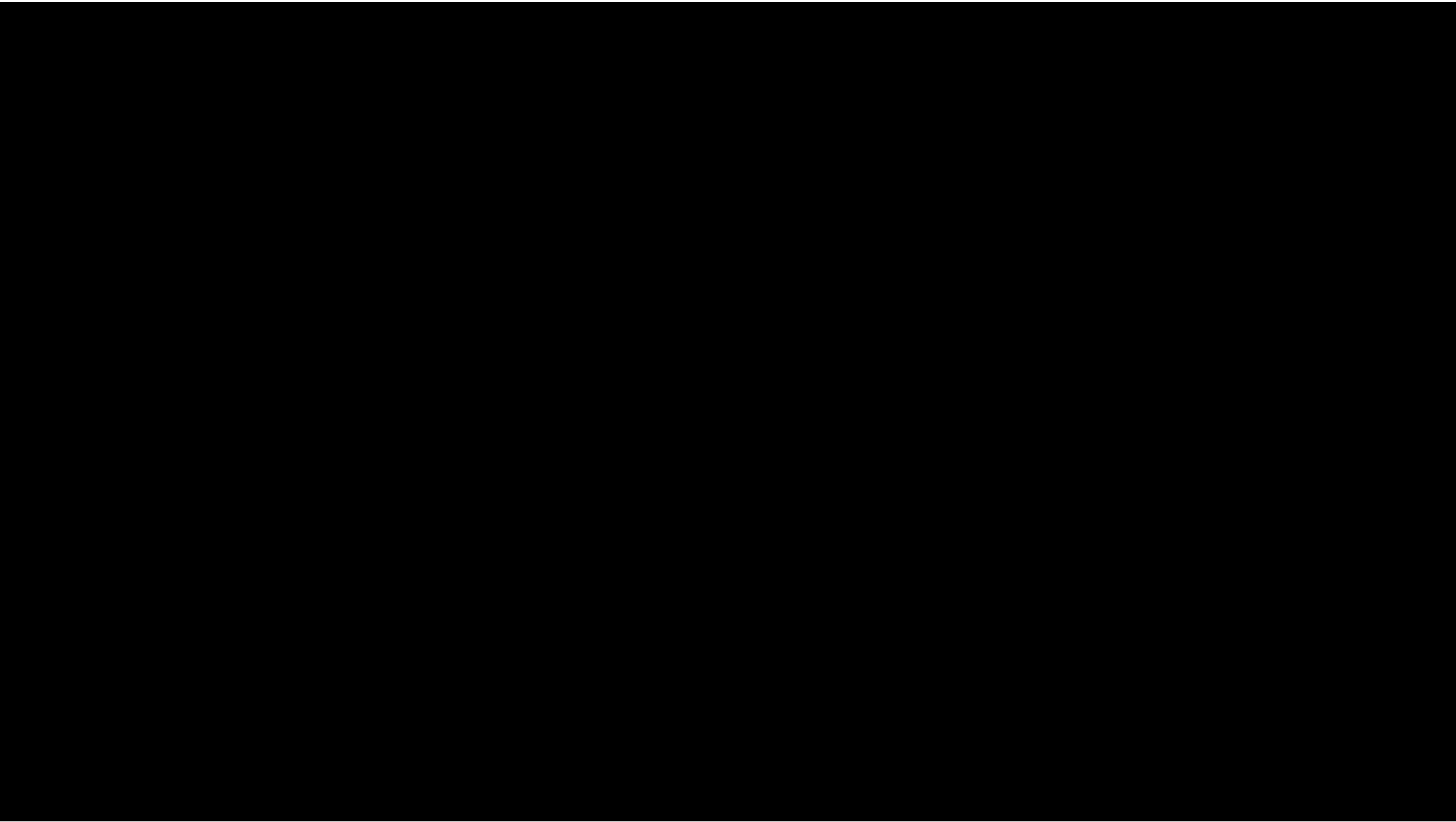
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Testing for Potential Bioterrorism Agents



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Microbiology Laboratory Test Menu

Use the searchable menu below for:

- Specimen collection and shipping instructions
- Specimen submission forms
- Pre-approval requirements
- Testing methodologies and frequencies
- Turnaround times and contact information

To ensure that specimens meet laboratory acceptance criteria, please review all appropriate content prior to specimen submission.

	Name	Updated ▼
+	Measles, RT-PCR Measles PCR	05/22/2019
+	MERS-CoV, rRT-PCR Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus	04/16/2019
+	Ebola, rRT-PCR Ebola Virus	02/08/2019

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions Measles, RT-PCR (Version 3)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Nasopharyngeal Swab (NP)*	At illness. For optimal isolation, collect within 72 hours of symptom onset.	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect only using synthetic tip swabs (ex. Dacron, Nylon, Polyester) with non-wooden shaft. Immediately after collection, place swab directly in 2-3 ml of Viral Transport Media (VTM). Minimum volume: 2 ml of VTM. 	VTM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: Sterile leak-proof container. Rejection Criteria: Not transported in VTM. Swab on wooden shaft. Transport: Ship cold (2 - 8°C) on ice packs to arrive at WAPHL during business hours within 72 hrs of collection. Otherwise or if previously frozen, ship on dry ice. Ship as Category B. Storage: Refrigerate. If arriving at WAPHL after 72 hrs of collection, or if testing will not be completed within 72hrs, freeze at ≤ -70°C.
Oropharyngeal Swab					
Dual NP/THR					
Nasal Wash					
Culture Isolate	Isolate from culture.				
Urine†	Collect ≤ 10 days post symptom onset.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect in sterile screw capped specimen container. Minimum volume: 20 ml of urine (50ml preferred). 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport device: Sterile leak-proof container. Rejection Criteria: Insufficient specimen volume. Leaky specimen. Transport: Ship cold (2 - 8°C) on ice packs to arrive at WAPHL during business hours within 72 hrs of collection. Otherwise or if previously frozen, ship on dry ice. Ship as Category B. Storage: Refrigerate. If arriving at WAPHL after 72 hrs of collection, freeze at ≤ -70°C.

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable. †Nasopharyngeal swabs will be prioritized for testing during times of high specimen volume. Urine specimens will be tested if no NP swab is submitted. **All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements. NA: Not Applicable Last Revised: May 2019



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Lab Number _____

Date/Time Received _____

SEROLOGY/VIROLOGY/HIV

Please Print Clearly

PATIENT

NAME (LAST)									
(FIRST)							(MI)		
ADDRESS									
CITY			STATE				ZIP CODE		
MALE	FEMALE	DATE OF BIRTH	MO	DAY	YEAR	COUNTY			
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CHART OR PATIENT ID #					SUBMITTER'S SPECIMEN #				
PHYSICIAN					PHYSICIAN'S PHONE #				
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SUBMITTER

NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM					PHONE #				
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REPORT RESULTS TO:									
FACILITY NAME:									
ADDRESS:									
ZIP CODE					COUNTY				
AREA CODE & PHONE #					FAX #				
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MEN INFORMATION

ATTENTION: (See Instructions on Reverse Side of Form)

SYPHILIS SEROLOGY VIRUS HIV

SPECIFIC AGENT SUSPECTED/ TEST REQUESTED:

DATE COLLECTED	MO	DAY	YEAR	TIME OF DAY	<input type="radio"/> AM	<input type="radio"/> PM
DATE OF ONSET	MO	DAY	YEAR	TIME OF DAY	<input type="radio"/> AM	<input type="radio"/> PM
DATE SENT TO STATE	MO	DAY	YEAR	FATAL?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	

TYPE OF SPECIMEN

SERUM/BLOOD CSF NP/THR

BUCCAL URINE OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

VIRUS EXAMINATIONS

Chief Clinical Findings (check system involved and list chief symptoms)

Respiratory _____

Central Nervous System _____

Cutaneous Eruptions - Locations & Type _____

Other _____

Optimally, collect isolation specimen within 3 days of onset. Submit each specimen as soon as collected. Keep at refrigerator temperatures. 24-hour delivery is preferred.

SYPHILIS SEROLOGY

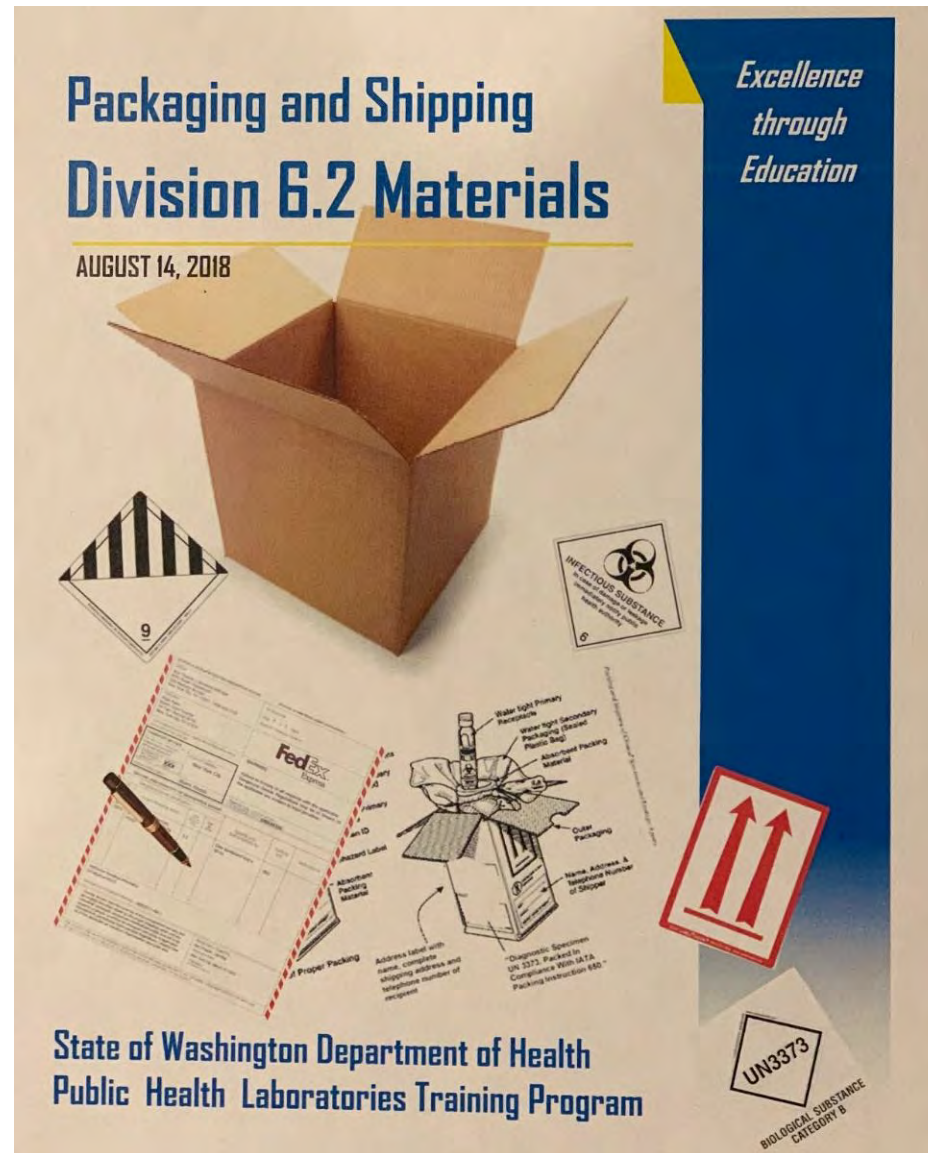
Diagnostic: [Syphilis Status Unknown; EIA Screen, if reactive, RPR to confirm; reflexive TP-PA performed on EIA reactive/RPR non-reactive]

Reference: [Reactive syphilis specimens submitted to PHL for confirmatory]

Tribal Tour at Public Health Lab, 2018

Urban Indian Health Institute – AI/AN Public Health Internship Program

Properly Packaging and Safely Shipping Specimens to State Laboratory for Testing





*Thank you and
Safe travels home*

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