

Animal Rabies Submission Improvements

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The DHMH Laboratories Administration recognized the need to improve the processes in animal rabies test submissions with the Local Health Departments, State Lab, and Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases, as well as understand the importance of producing quality rabies testing.

Purpose of the Lab Presentation:

To provide an update on the animal rabies submission procedural improvements

This is a chance for the Local Health Officers to view these improvements and provide feedback prior to its full implementation on January 1, 2011.

The improvements in the rabies submission policies have been discussed and vetted to the local health department staff (environmental health, animal control) across the State of Maryland the past six months.

Extensive outreach by the DHMH Laboratories Administration Rabies Staff in collaboration with the Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases staff, has been provided to the local health departments from October 20 through October 29, 2010.

These on-site trainings were held at 16 local health departments with about 140 local health department staff from Allegany, Garrett, Washington, Frederick Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Anne Arundel, Dorchester, Wicomico, Caroline, Talbot, Montgomery, Howard, Queen Anne, St. Mary's, Baltimore, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and Worcester counties and Baltimore City in attendance. Somerset County will receive their on-site training November 19, 2010.

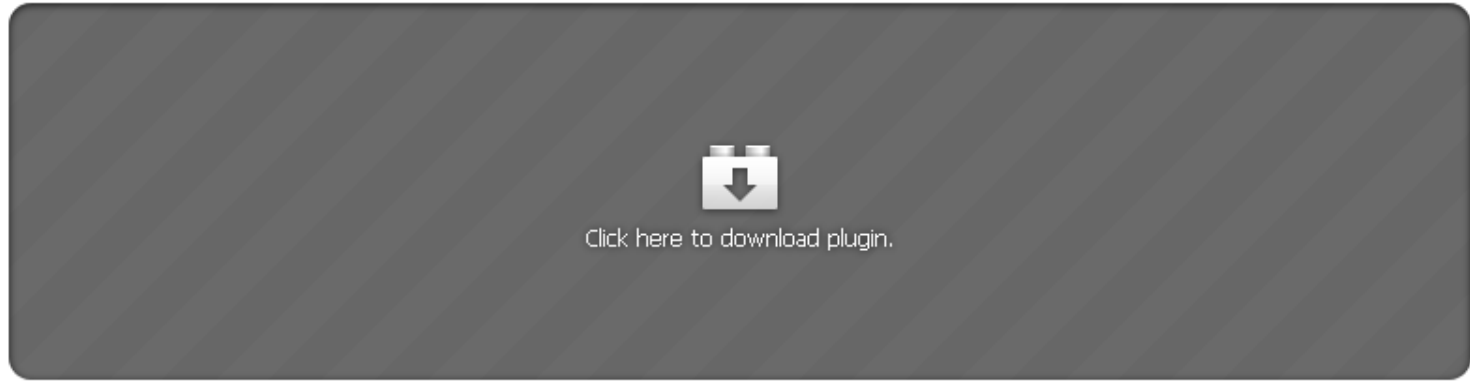
We sincerely appreciate the active participation and cooperation of the local health department staff.

Electronic Test Request Electronic Reporting

- Submission of animal rabies test electronically using the DHMH Lab MyLIMS (Laboratory Information Management Systems) <http://starlims.dhmh.md.gov/starlims10.dhmlabs.prod/>).
- The local health departments will use MyLIMS for submission of specimens for rabies testing. These new procedures include updated animal rabies testing submission form.
- Allow the LHDs to view test results on-line and print a copy of the official test report.
- This electronic access will aid in reporting of statistics.
- A quick demo will be provided later by Stephen Longdo, Rabies Laboratory Staff.



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To strengthen coordination to see to it that human exposure cases are tested immediately, thus those that need medical attention will get it sooner.

Animal rabies testing will be performed Mondays through Fridays (8:00AM to 4:30PM).

On-call scientists are available during holidays, weekends and salary reduction days for after-hours submissions that require results as soon as possible so that a medical determination about rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) can be made.



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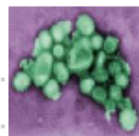
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Important Information

- 2011 Chlamydia/GC NAAT Statewide Sticker Allocation System (Updated: 10/25/2010)
- Newborn Screening Blood Storage Policy and Procedures
- H1N1 Novel Influenza Updates

Also of Interest



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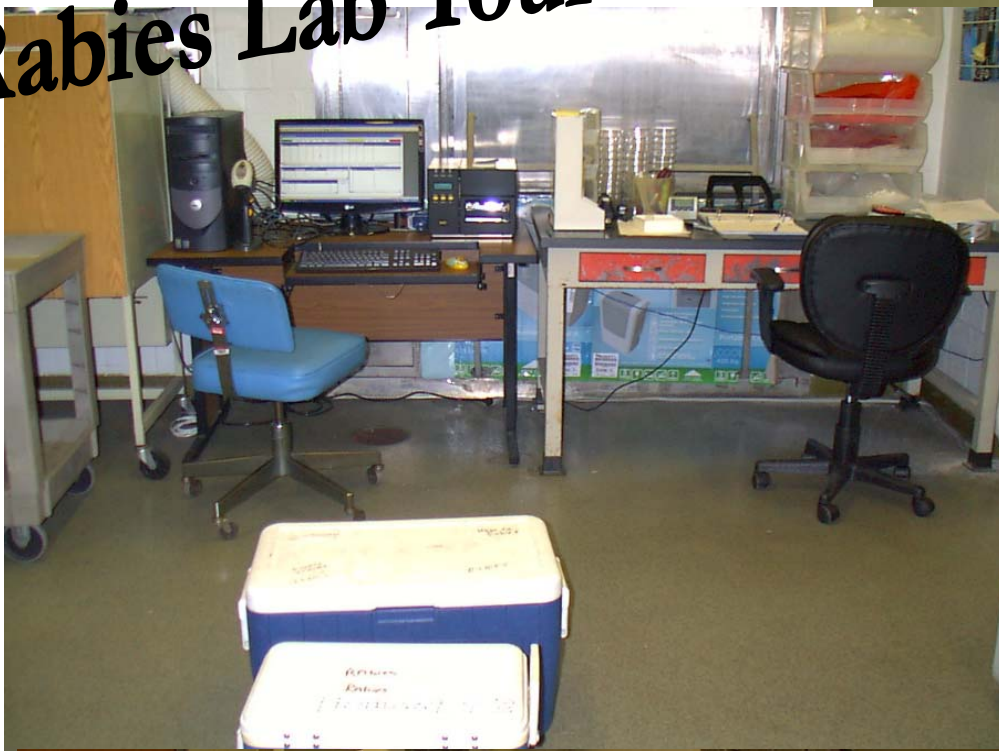
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