



Did you know...Florida's Bureau of Public Health Laboratories



... provides information to over 20 Federal and State Agencies, 67 Florida County Health Departments, 500 licensed clinical laboratories, 450 certified environmental laboratories and to the visitors and citizens of Florida?

Our dedicated employees perform newborn screening on all babies born in Florida, check water samples for chemical and biological contaminants, and test clinical samples for viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites that can cause disease in humans. Our laboratories have the capabilities to: check for more than 150 chemicals in clinical specimens in case of a terrorist attack; identify anthrax, smallpox, and other agents in a bioterrorism event; diagnose rabies, AIDS, gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and more; provide supporting data for the cause of food or water-borne outbreaks. Florida's public health laboratories are in the forefront to detect drug resistant organisms such as multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. All laboratory results generated in LabWare are electronically 'posted' in the patient's record at the County Health Departments within hours of reporting. In 2013, the Florida State Public Health Laboratories produced almost 10 million results.

Our Partners and the Agencies We Serve...

Department of Health (DOH) County Health Departments
DOH Division of Children's Medical Services
DOH Division of Disease Control & Health Protection
 Bureau of Epidemiology
 Bureau of Communicable Diseases
 HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis Prevention Program
 Immunization Program
 STD Program
 Tuberculosis Program
 Bureau of Environmental Health
DOH Division of Emergency Preparedness & Community Support
 Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight
Division of Community Health Promotion
 Bureau of Family Health Services

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida National Guard Civil Support Teams
University of South Florida Center for Biological Defense
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Postal Service
World Health Organization (WHO)

Noteworthy Accomplishments ...

- Successfully responded to testing requirements of the H1N1 influenza pandemic of 2009
- Instrumental in securing a statewide contract for clinical chemistry, pap smears, etc., saving the state > \$1 million (2008)
- Added cystic fibrosis (2007) and SCID (2012) to the Newborn Screening Panel
- Confirmed the index case during the Anthrax Terrorist Attack, October 2001
- Leader in the development and implementation of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP)
- A Collaborating Laboratory for the WHO/CDC Influenza Strain Surveillance Network
- The Tuberculosis Laboratory is recognized as a national model
- Identified the first ever reported case of rabies in a bat in the United States

Our Locations...

Jacksonville Laboratory	(904) 791-1500
Miami Laboratory	(305) 324-2432
Pensacola Laboratory	(850) 595-8895
Tallahassee Administration	(850) 245-4517
Tampa Laboratory	(813) 974-8000



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