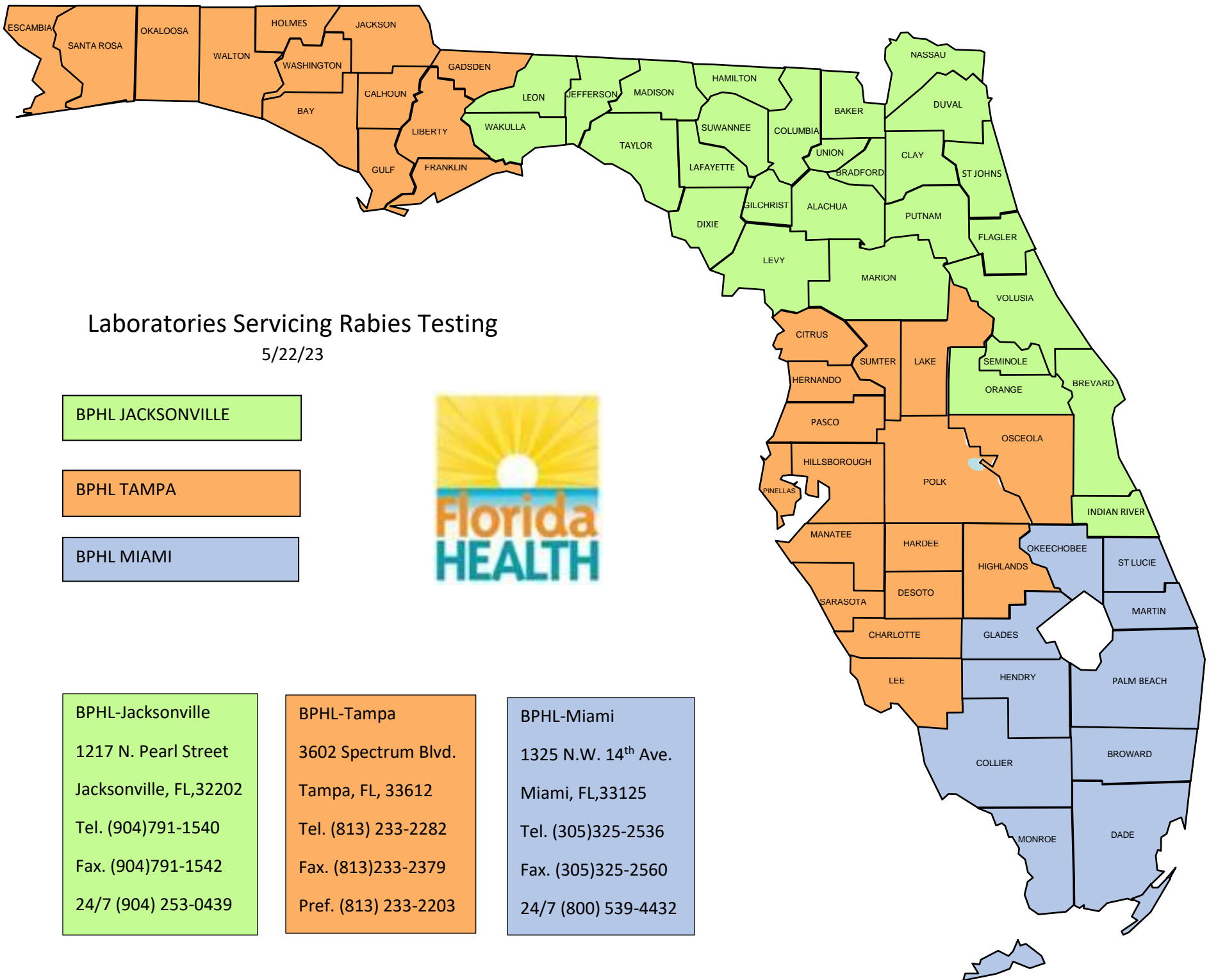


## Test Menu

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
Test Name	Rabies, Animal
Other Name (s)	N/A
Analyte(s)	Rabies
Test Code	9940
Lab location	Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa locations
Department	Rabies/Virology
Prior Authorization	<b><u>Requires prior approval from County Health Department (CHD)</u></b> , Epidemiology, and <b>notification to the testing lab</b> . Contact your local County Health Department to start the process for approval.
Required Forms	Rabies Requisition Form, DH959 or use <a href="https://merlin.doh.ad.state.fl.us/MerlinCore/">https://merlin.doh.ad.state.fl.us/MerlinCore/</a> to create the test order ( <b>preferred</b> ).
Specimen Sources	-Bat or other very small animal (one pound or less): Entire animal -Small animal (Squirrel to large dog): decapitated head -Large animal (Larger than a dog, often livestock): brain with brain stem and complete cerebellum
Supplemental Information- Special Specimen Preparation	Treat animal for fleas before decapitating.
Minimum Volume	N/A
Storage Conditions	Refrigerate specimens at 2-8°C, <b>do not freeze</b> specimens this will delay testing.
Collection Media	N/A
Specimen Labeling	Unique identification number
Packaging and Shipping Instructions and Handling	-Specimen must be double bagged and shipped in leak -proof container with cold packs. -Use clear bags to double bag specimens. -Specimens should be individually bagged with one specimen per bag and the paperwork clearly indicating which specimen it is attached to. -Paperwork should be placed in a separate bag to protect it from condensation and contamination.
Test Methodology	Direct fluorescent antibody (DFA)
Turnaround Time	1 - 3 days
Result Indicator	Positive, Negative, Unsatisfactory, or Inconclusive
Unsatisfactory Specimen	mutilated, decomposed, grossly contaminated with bacteria or incomplete
Interferences and Limitations	mutilated, decomposed, grossly contaminated with bacteria or incomplete
Additional Information & Notes	Specimens must be submitted through the County Animal Care and Control Office.
Reference Range	Positive, Negative, Unsatisfactory, or Inconclusive
Reference Lab	CDC if needed
Reflex testing	N/A



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