



Did you know...Florida's



# Public Health Laboratories

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

Our dedicated employees perform newborn screening on all babies, 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; to identify anthrax, smallpox, and other agents in a bioterrorism event; to diagnose rabies, AIDS, gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and more; and to 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 methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and multiple drug resistant and extensively-drug resistant tuberculosis. In 2008, the Florida State Public Health Laboratories produced more than 12 million results.

### Our Partners and the Agencies We Serve ...

- DOH Division of Environmental Health
  - Bureau of Community Environmental Health
  - Bureau of Water Programs
  - Office of Environmental Public Health and Medicine
- DOH Division of Disease Control
  - Bureau of Epidemiology
  - Bureau of HIV/AIDS
  - Bureau of Immunization
  - Bureau of STD Services
  - Bureau of TB and Refugee Health
- DOH Division of Family Health Services
- DOH Division of Children's Medical Services
- DOH Division of Emergency Medical Operations
- DOH County Health Departments

- Florida National Guard Civil Support Teams
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
- University of South Florida Center for Biological Defense
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- 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
- 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)

### Our Outstanding Service ...

- \* Successfully responded to testing requirements of the H1N1 influenza pandemic of 2009
- \* Added cystic fibrosis testing as 35th marker (including hearing) to our Newborn Screening Panel, 2007.
- \* The confirmatory laboratory for the index case, Anthrax Terrorist Attack, October 2001.
- \* Leader in the development and implementation of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC).
- \* A Collaborating Laboratory for the WHO/CDC Influenza Strain Surveillance Network.
- \* The Tuberculosis Laboratory is recognized as a national model.
- \* First case of rabies nationally reported in bats.

### Our Locations...

<b>Jacksonville</b> Laboratory	(904) 791-1500
<b>Lantana</b> Laboratory	(561) 540-1170
<b>Miami</b> Laboratory	(305) 324-2432
<b>Pensacola</b> Laboratory	(850) 595-8895
<b>Tallahassee</b> Administration	(850) 245-4517
<b>Tampa</b> Laboratory	(813) 974-8000



### Our Name ... Florida DOH Bureau of Laboratories

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/lab/laboratoryservices.htm>

