



New Hampshire Health Alert Network

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Status: Actual
Message Type: Alert
Severity: Moderate
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Identifier: HAN #20120117 NH Public Health Laboratory Closed
Delivery Time: 12 hours
Acknowledgement: No
Originating Agency: NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services

DATE: January 17, 2012

TIME: 1630 EST

TO: Physicians, Nurses, Infection Control Practitioners, Hospital Emergency Departments, Manchester Health Department, Nashua Health Department, NHHA, Laboratory Response Network, DHHS Outbreak Team, DPHS Investigation Team, Public Health Network, and DPHS Management Team

FROM: Dr. Christine Bean, NH PHL Director

SUBJECT: New Hampshire Public Health Laboratory Temporarily Closed

Due to a boiler failure the New Hampshire Public Health Laboratories (PHL) has suffered temporary water damage and is closed for business. Cleaning and repairs are in progress. The PHL will reopen as the building is cleared for occupancy.

We will continue to receive specimens from Providers for testing and coordinate specimen referral to other New England Public Health Laboratories who have agreed to assist. Those laboratories performing the testing will be noted on the laboratory report. The PHL is expecting to resume routine testing within one week.

For any questions regarding the contents of this message, please contact NH DHHS Infectious Disease Investigation and Surveillance Sections at 603-271-4496 (after hours 1-800-852-3345 ext.5300).

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ALERTING VOCABULARY

Message Type

- Alert: Indicates an original alert
- Update: Indicates prior alert has been updated and superseded
- Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
- Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Status

- Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event
- Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
- Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Severity

- Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
- Severe: Significant threat to life or property
- Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
- Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
- Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Sensitive

- Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
- Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert.

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required.

Originating Agency: A guaranteed unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

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