The APHL Listservs: Your Community Resource
APHL’s Knowledge Management Committee

Background
The first Listserv was developed in 1984 and used an IBM Mainframe to forward an email to a list of subscribers. Putting into practice the same concept, the APHL Listserv is our email distribution system which allows subscribers to discuss and exchange information relevant to the forum topic. Discussions include state public health laboratory practice and policy; laboratory methods; common management concerns; laboratory surveillance testing; quality assurance and, even, current laboratory news. By participating in the APHL Listserv members are able to share questions and receive replies from peer members that have specific knowledge about the subject or to generate discussions with those who have a like interest.

Many of the forums are open to all APHL members but some, such as the Laboratory Directors Forum, have limited access to provide for “private” discussion. There are currently fourteen forums with topics ranging from Microbiology and Environmental Laboratory, to Newborn Screening, to Quality Assurance. Subscribing to the different APHL List Serves is as easy as sending an email.

Listserve Description How to Join
State Lab Directors (aphl-sld) The director discussion e-mail group offers a forum for the exchange of information relevant to public health laboratory practice and policy. State Public Health Laboratory directors are automatically added to this Listserv. For inquiries, contact Drew Gaskins (drew.gaskins@aphl.org).
Local Lab Directors (aphl-lld) The director discussion e-mail group offers a forum for the exchange of information relevant to public health laboratory practice and policy. Local Public Health Laboratory directors are automatically added to this Listserv. For inquiries, contact Drew Gaskins (drew.gaskins@aphl.org).
Local Laboratory Member (aphl-lm) The Local Director and member-associate discussion e-mail group offers a forum for the exchange of information relevant to public laboratory practice and policy. Local Public Health Laboratory Directors and member-associates are automatically added to this Listserv. For inquiries, contact Drew Gaskins (drew.gaskins@aphl.org).
Public Health Associate (aphl-phai) The PHAI member-associate discussion e-mail group offers a forum for the exchange of information relevant to environmental, agricultural, and chemical laboratory practice and policy. PHAI member associates are automatically added to this Listserv. For inquiries, contact Drew Gaskins (drew.gaskins@aphl.org).
Public Health Institutional State Member Associates (aphl-pima) The State member-associate discussion e-mail group offers a forum for the exchange of information relevant to state public laboratory practice and policy. PH State member associates are automatically added to this Listserv. For inquiries, contact Drew Gaskins (drew.gaskins@aphl.org).
Public Health Microbiology Discussion List (aphl-mbl) This Listserv is for public health microbiologists to ask questions and discuss issues with microbiologists. To join this Listserv contact Kelly Wroblewski (kelly.wroblewski@aphl.org).
Environmental Lab Directors (aphl-edl) This Listserv is meant to be a discussion forum among and between environmental laboratory directors. To join this Listserv, contact Reggie Richardson (reggie.richardson@aphl.org).
APHL Laboratory Trainers’ Listserv (aphl-ltc) This is a Listserv for public health laboratory trainers to share information and questions with other trainers. To join this Listserv, contact Susan Bailey (susan.bailey@aphl.org).
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APHL Newborn Screening Health Information Technology Listserv (aphl-nibls) The Listserv acts as a forum for peer exchange of information, relevant to NBS HIT. To join this Listserv, contact Careema Yusaf (careema.yusaf@aphl.org) or Jelili Ojodu (jelili.Ojodu@aphl.org).
Newborn Screening Listserv (aphl-nbls) The APHL-NBS Listserv was primarily created to inform and update state newborn screening programs of current news and issues directly affecting state newborn screening programs, allowing laboratorians and managers to comfortably exchange information. To join this Listserv, contact Jelili Ojodu (jelili.Ojodu@aphl.org).
Quality Assurance (aphl-qa) APHL is offering this Listserv to laboratory members to provide a forum for the public health laboratory community to post quality/OA/OC questions, concerns and the sharing of best practices and advice. To join this Listserv, contact Tina Su (tina.su@aphl.org). Registered members can view content at: https://www.aphlweb.org/listserv/qa/default.aspx
Public Environmental Laboratory (aphl-pel) This Listserv is meant to be a discussion forum among and between environmental laboratory communities. It is open to the general public. To sign up, send an email to: info@lists.aphl.org, leave the subject line blank, and put “join aphl-pel firstname.lastname” in the body.
NewSTEPs (aphl-newssteps) Forum for peer to peer exchange of information relevant to NBS and quality improvement activities and data. Follow this link to sign up: https://www.newssteps.org/educati on-newssteps/aphl-listservs/newstepsl
Influenza Right Size (aphl-influenza-right-size) This Listserv is a forum for PHL staff and ep/influenza coordinators to ask peer-to-peer questions about how others are addressing Right Size requirements and discuss general influenza virologic surveillance. To join, contact Stephanie Chester (stephanie.chester@aphl.org). Registered members can view content at: https://www.aphlweb.org/listserv/infl/default.aspx
For More Information
http://www.aphl.org/aphlprograms/research/knowledge-management

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