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Continuing Public Health Laboratory Operations Though Challenging Circumstances:

• Staffing Shortage Support
• HVAC Remodel
Staffing Support

- Sample ordering
- Possible sample load
- Testing needs
- Delivery method and TAT
- Isolate return
- Stock of reagents
Staffing Support Lessons Learned

- Do not underestimate sample load
- Overestimate the reagents that may be needed
- Clear understanding of shipping time and delay
- Organization of paperwork and prompt relaying of all positive patient information is critical
- Remember that a TB culture is ongoing for 6 weeks once support has been deemed no longer necessary
Building Renovation

- Length of time for upgrade
- Room recertification
- Reach out to service partners
  - Testing needs
  - Sample volume
  - Isolate return
  - Delivery method
Still More Lessons Learned

• Understand shipping pros and cons
• TB needs to be involved at the planning phase of a major renovation
• TB must continue involvement to stay up-to-date on delays and changes
• Advocate for the TB room’s needs
Thank You!