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Continuing Public Health Laboratory
Operations Though Challenging
Circumstances:

- Staffing Shortage Support
- HVAC Remodel

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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!