TUBERCULOSIS TESTING DURING THE PANDEMIC
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Microbiology staffs activated for pandemic response.

- Resources directed to COVID19 testing.
- BSL-3 laboratory space used for specimen processing.
- Great partners from the north.

AK PHL to test all TB specimens from WA

- Replenished supplies used for testing
- Reporting results and answering questions
- MDDR requests
Established COVID19 team.
• High throughput laboratory.
• Remodeled new room and new COVID19 staff.

Return to normal testing.
• Personnel/staffing issues.
• Supply issues, backorders, etc.
• Help each other with reagents and supplies.

BSL-3 shutdown due to HVAC issues.
To the entire AK PHL – TB Lab...

THANK YOU!
WA PHL – Tuberculosis Laboratory