

BIOTERRORISM RESPONSE GENERAL INFORMATION AND RELATED RESOURCES

If you have a suspected agent of bioterrorism and need to submit it to the West Virginia Office of Laboratory Services, Threat-Preparedness & Bioterrorism Response Laboratory for confirmatory testing, please follow the procedure guidelines on the information sheet entitled “Guidelines for Submitting Clinical Specimens to the West Virginia Office of Laboratory Services, Threat-Preparedness & Bioterrorism Response Laboratory”.

A list of numbers your health care laboratory facility should have posted are:

INTERNAL CONTACTS:

INFECTION CONTROL OFFICER
INSTITUTION EPIDEMIOLOGIST
INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTACTS:

NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR
ADDRESS
OFFICE PHONE NUMBER
PRIMARY EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER
THREAT-PREPAREDNESS CONTACT NAME
THREAT-PREPAREDNESS CONTACT NUMBER

OTHER EXTERNAL CONTACTS:

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT (including Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology)
STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
LOCAL OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
FBI FIELD OFFICE
CDC Emergency Response Office: 770-488-7100
US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) Emergency Response Line: 888-872-7443

Additional Contact Information:

West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
PH: 304-558-5380 FX: 304-344-4548
<http://dhsem.wv.gov>

West Virginia Bureau for Public Health
Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services
Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology
350 Capitol Street, Room 125
Charleston, WV 25301-3715
PH: 304-558-5358 or 800-423-1271 in WV FX: 304-558-6335
<https://dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/Pages/default.aspx>

Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
10 Hale Street, Charleston, WV 25301

304-346-3232 (Charleston Field Office)
(If no answer, call Pittsburgh, PA Field Office at 412-432-4000)
<https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/wmd>
To report suspicious activity: 855-TELL-FBI (855-835-5324)

West Virginia State Police Terrorism Hotline
866-WVWatch (1-866-989-2824)

Sources of Information/Websites of Interest:

West Virginia Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program Bioterrorism Resource Site
<https://dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/Pages/Bioterrorism.aspx>

ASM Sentinel Laboratory Protocols
<https://www.asm.org/index.php/guidelines/sentinel-guidelines>

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) Infection Prevention for Ambulatory Care Centers During Disasters
https://apic.org/Resource_/TinyMceFileManager/Emergency_Prep/2013_Ambulatory_Care_during_Disasters_FINAL.pdf

CDC's Bioterrorism Home Page
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/bioterrorism/index.asp>

CDC's Website on Biosafety
<https://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/index.htm>

Guidelines for Isolation Precautions
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/>

CDC's Public Health Image Library
<http://phil.cdc.gov/>

National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID)
<https://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/index.html>

Association for Biosafety and Biosecurity (ABSA)
<https://absa.org/>

Association of Public Health Laboratories Public Health Preparedness & Response
<https://www.aphl.org/programs/preparedness/Pages/default.aspx>

Public Health Agency of Canada's Pathogen Safety Data Sheets
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/laboratory-biosafety-biosecurity/pathogen-safety-data-sheets-risk-assessment.html>