

PHSA Laboratories

BCCDC Public Health Laboratory

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eLab: New electronic guide to programs & services

The Public Health Laboratory at the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC PHL) would like to announce our new electronic test menu called eLab Handbook. This online manual replaces the previous *Guide to Programs and Services* and can be accessed at <http://www.elabhandbook.info/phsa>. You can use it to find details about sample collection, test methodology, transport, requisitions to use, test turnaround times and contacts for consultation. New information that is now available includes the days testing is performed and important cut off times. The eLab Handbook also includes contact information in case tests need to be expedited.

Searching for Tests in eLab

There are two methods to search for tests:

a) Main method - Search by Test Name

Enter all or part of a test name in the 'Search for Test' field and click 'Go' – this will search the test by the actual test name or any alternate names specified.

b) Advanced method - Search by Laboratory Division*

Select 'Tests' on the top ribbon

Select 'BCCDC Public Health Laboratory' under the Labs drop down and choose from the list of tests displayed. You can narrow down your search if you know which laboratory program you are interested in by choosing a laboratory under Division. The BCCDC PHL is divided into the following laboratories:

Advanced Bacteriology/Mycology

Environmental Microbiology

Mycobacteriology/TB

Parasitology

Virology

High Volume Serology



**** Please note that the names of the laboratory divisions may not be comprehensive of the types of tests performed.***

Through eLab we hope that BCCDC PHL testing information will be easier to find for all our clients. Please send in any comments/feedback you have so we may better serve you.



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