

**Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Laboratories****Temporary Suspension of Rabies Laboratory Service - Second Notice**

Effective **January 1, 2026, through April 6, 2026**, the Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) rabies laboratory will temporarily suspend services due to planned renovations at our facility located at **110 Pickering Way, Exton, PA 19341**.

During this period, the BOL **will not accept or process any rabies specimens**. Specimens will be redirected to one of our partner laboratories:

Rabies Laboratory	Address	Telephone
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory (PVL)	2305 North Cameron St Harrisburg, PA 17110	717-787-8808 Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM (M-F)
Allegheny County Public Health Laboratory	119 Commonwealth Drive Warrendale, PA 15086	412-578-8070 Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM (M-F)
Philadelphia Department of Public Health Laboratory	1930 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19145	215-685-6887 Hours: 9:30AM-6:00PM (M-F)

**Pre-authorization is required** for submitting a specimen for human exposure rabies testing. Please contact the BOL at [RA-DHRabies@PA.gov](mailto:RA-DHRabies@PA.gov) or 484-870-6129. We will respond within 24 hours. Pre-authorization ensures proper tracking and prevents overwhelming any laboratory.

Please continue to complete and submit the **Human Exposure Rabies Questionnaire (HERQ)** with your specimen.

For **wildlife specimens**, contact the **Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC)** at **833-PGC-WILD** or **833-PGC-HUNT** (available 24/7).

Specimen shipping will continue via **Courier, FedEx, or UPS**, and no delays in result reporting are anticipated. State Health Centers are informed of these changes. For additional information, contact your local or county health center: [State Health Centers](#).

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. Normal operations are expected to resume on **April 06, 2026**. We will issue a follow-up notice once services are restored.

(Laboratory Director name)

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