

Public Health Laboratory Lunch and Learn Webinar Series

Course Description

This virtual educational program provides an introductory overview of the public health laboratory and its role in protecting community health through disease surveillance, emergency preparedness, and laboratory response activities. Participants will be introduced to the Tennessee Department of Health Public Health Laboratory, its major functions, key program areas, and its importance in supporting public health across the state.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this webinar series, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the role of the public health laboratory and its importance in supporting public health across Tennessee.
2. Identify the functions of selected public health laboratory areas featured in this series, including virology, newborn screening, and bacteriology.
3. Explain how laboratory testing supports case investigation, outbreak response, and disease surveillance through examples such as arbovirus, rabies, newborn screening, and outbreak-related testing.

Target Audience

Laboratory and public health professionals, and students interested in laboratory sciences and public health.

Registration

Pre-registration is required to receive P.A.C.E.® continuing education credit and a Teams invite.

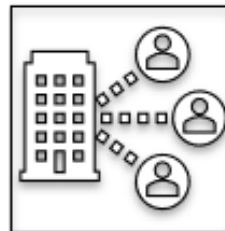
- **Register here!** Or scan the **QR code** above to visit our web page!

Continuing Education

TDH Division of Laboratory Services is an approved provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences through the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program. Participants may earn 1.0 hour of P.A.C.E.® continuing education credit for each webinar by attending the live session and completing the required pre-test, post-test, and course evaluation. Attendance at the full series is not required to receive credit. Partial credit for any individual webinar will not be awarded.



Time: 12:00 - 1:00 CST
Microsoft Teams



July 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

Introduction to the Public Health Laboratory

- **Presenter:** Julie Viruez, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}
- **P.A.C.E. #** 429-103-26

August 26, 2026 (Wednesday)

• **Virology and Public Health**

- **Presenter:** Keith Morris, M(ASCP)^{CM}
Katie Jones, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}CG^{GM}

• **P.A.C.E. #** 429-104-26



September 30, 2026 (Wednesday)

• **Newborn Screening Awareness**

- **Presenter:** Jennifer R. McKenzie, Ph.D., BCLD/HCLD(ABB), NRCC-TC
- **P.A.C.E. #** 429-105-26

October 28, 2026 (Wednesday)

• **Behind the Outbreaks**

- **Presenter:** Nina Sherman
- **P.A.C.E. #** 429-106-26



December 02, 2026 (Wednesday)

• **Environmental Testing and Public Health**

- **Presenter:** Emily Knecht
- **Certificate of Completion**
(No P.A.C.E. credit offered)