WISCONSIN CLINICAL LABORATORY NETWORK (WCLN)

Statement of Purpose of the Wisconsin Clinical Laboratory Network (WCLN)

- The purpose of the Wisconsin Clinical Laboratory Network (WCLN) is to provide communication channels and support to clinical laboratories. The WCLN is a subset of the Laboratory Response Network (LRN). The WCLN will facilitate a timely and effective response to clinical laboratory and public health needs, including emergency preparedness and response, disease surveillance, laboratory diagnostics, biosafety, training and education, and communications.

Contributions of WCLN Laboratories

- WCLN laboratories will:
  - Share communications with colleagues and clients within and beyond their institutions.
  - Maintain current points of contact for laboratory network communications.
  - Actively participate in WCLN educational resource opportunities, such as: regional meetings, technical conferences, workshops, webinars, etc.
  - Participate in laboratory-based surveillance (e.g., reporting data, providing isolates or specimens)
  - Provide feedback and actively communicate needs (e.g., training needs) to laboratory network representatives
  - Respond to the needs of other WCLN members.

Contributions of the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH)

- The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene will:
  - Coordinate laboratory network activities.
  - Provide or identify resources (e.g., written materials, shipping manuals, workshops, listservs, etc.) to clinical laboratories (as funding allows).
  - Provide accurate, robust, and thorough communications through a variety of mechanisms including the monthly Lab Message by email.
  - Identify and respond to the needs of laboratory network members (as funding allows).
  - Maintain WCLN laboratory member contact information.