



**MLS Laboratory Update
Registration is NOW OPEN for MLS Regional
Lab Conferences
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**5th ANNUAL MLS REGIONAL LABORATORY CONFERENCE:
NEW TOPICS & NEW SPEAKERS**

- What are the next steps in laboratory emergency preparedness state-wide?
- What will the laboratories' role be in a chemical exposure event?
- What are the hot topics in public health from the past year?

This conference will provide help with these issues by discussing the following topics:

- An emergency preparedness update specific to each region
- A "hot wash" discussion regarding the Laboratory Chemical Exercise that occurred in February and March 2009
- A "snapshot" of some recent infectious disease outbreak investigations
- A few real-life, interactive case studies concerning biological and chemical agents that might be used in a terror event

This FREE conference will be held on 8 different dates in a variety of locations throughout the state; we encourage you to attend the conference scheduled in your region. However, if you cannot attend on that date, please consider attending a conference in a neighboring region. We encourage two or more laboratorians from each facility to attend.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The following website will provide you with a mechanism to register at the location of your choice, a list of the conference locations and dates, maps to the conference site, a copy of the brochure, and more.

To Register please go to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/mls/region>

Registration will close 7 days prior to the conference date.

If you have any problems with registration, please call Paulette Schlichter at 651-201-5580 or email: paulette.schlichter@state.mn.us

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