



New RABIES OpenELIS Test Request Form & Report

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To: **All Facilities Sending RABIES Testing to the State Hygienic Lab**

Purpose: On November 1st, 2016 the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa (SHL) will transition all rabies testing to its new laboratory information system OpenELIS. With the move to OpenELIS, SHL has updated its Rabies Test Request Form and Rabies Report.

Details: The **new Rabies Test Request Form should be used beginning November 1st, 2016** to ensure that all necessary information is collected for rabies testing by the State Hygienic Laboratory and the Iowa Department of Public Health.

The new Test Request Form contains your organization's name, address, and new id pre-filled. **Please destroy all old versions of SHL's Rabies Tests Request Form.** Instructions for obtaining the new State Hygienic Laboratory Rabies Test Request Form have been attached to this release.

The process for collection and shipping of specimens for rabies testing has changed regarding the submission of live bats. ****PLEASE READ** the updated Collection and Shipping Instructions located at:** <http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/kitsquotesforms/rabiescollectioninstructions.pdf> .

Guidance: SHL strongly encourages all regular rabies submitters to sign-up for web access. Web access will allow the submitter to access OpenELIS using a web portal that provides more up-to-date reporting of rabies results. An example of the new Rabies Report is attached to this release.

To access SHL's OpenELIS Web Portal, please call 319-335-4358 or submit the application located at: <http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/kitsquotesforms/webaccessformfillable.pdf>

Questions: If you have any questions regarding Rabies testing, please contact:

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Attachments: 1. INSTRUCTIONS - Obtaining the New State Hygienic Laboratory Rabies Test Request Form
2. EXAMPLE - Rabies Report