

# APHL/CDC Vaccine Preventable Diseases Reference Centers

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Most viral and bacterial diseases that are vaccine preventable occur irregularly as sporadic cases or small outbreaks. These vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) present a dilemma for public health laboratories, in that assays with performance characteristics capable of rapid and accurate detection of these illnesses are lacking in the commercial marketplace, yet the PHLs remain responsible for testing for these entities, as well as many other higher incidence agents. This basic level webinar will discuss the establishment of VPD Reference Centers capable of rapidly and accurately detecting and confirming the low incidence, low volume viral and bacterial VPDs using molecular assays, and their reporting to PHLs and CDC.

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## Objectives:

At the conclusion of this program, the participant will be able to:

- Explain the rationale for the establishment of the VPD Reference Centers.
- Recognize the advantages to Public Health Laboratories of the establishment of VPD Centers.

## Target Audience:

This webinar is of interest to public health laboratorians.

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