



Identification of Essential and Nonessential Laboratory Functions

Overarching Category	Kind of Agent	Pathogenic Condition	Specific Test or Method	Essential (E) or Nonessential (NE)	Priority
Infectious Disease	Bacterial	Tuberculosis	Drug sensitivity testing	E	1
			Diagnosis	E	1
			Gen-Probe	E	2
			Biochemicals	NE	4
			HPLC	NE	4
			Confirmation	E	1
		Enteric Diseases	Diagnosis	NE	4
			Outbreak detection	E	2
			Sexually Transmitted Disease	HIV diagnosis	NE
		HIV molecular subtyping		E	2
	Syphilis confirmation	E		1	
	Viral	Influenza	Routine diagnosis	NE	4
			Subtype surveillance	E	4
			H5N1 identification	E	2
		Encephalitis	West Nile	NE	4
			Herpes	NE	4
		Rabies	All activities	E	2
	Fungus		All activities	NE	4
	Parasitology		All activities	NE	4
	Environmental Samples	Drinking water and regulatory/non regulatory Special project	All activities	E	2
Weapons of Mass Destruction		LRN assays	E	1	

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Biological or Chemical Threat/Terrorism					
Environmental Health					
Newborn Screening					
Food Safety					
Laboratory Support					

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