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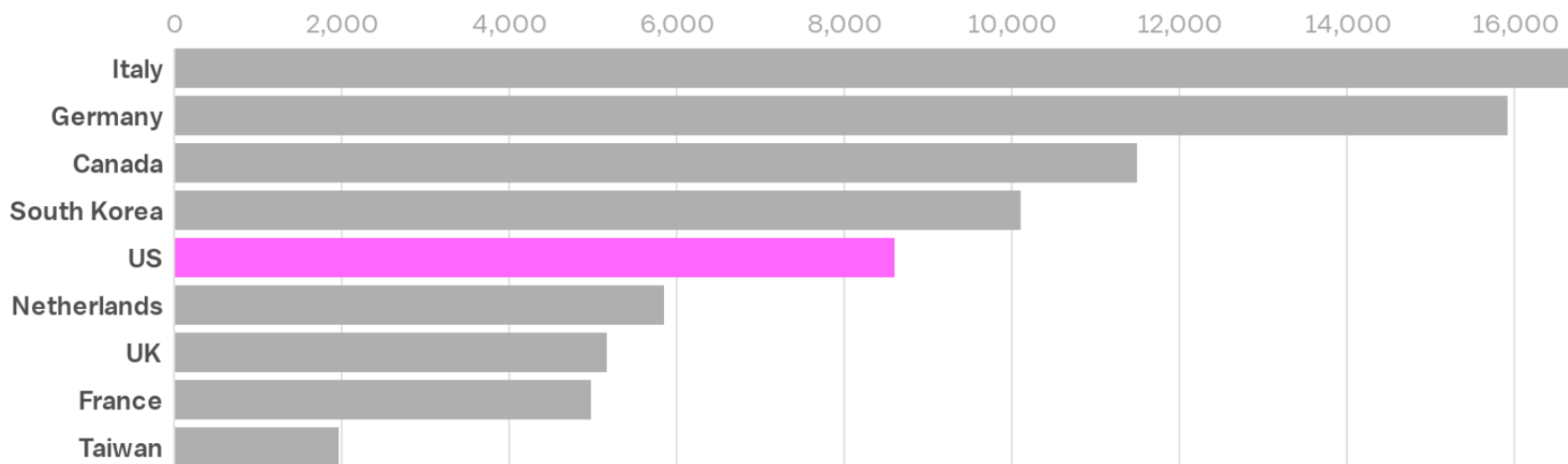


Using the PHAB Standards & Measures in Public Health Emergencies and the COVID-19 Response





How the US compares to other countries in coronavirus tests conducted per million people



Source: COVID Tracking Project, news reports, government websites; updated April 13 with latest available numbers.

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The Lost Month: How a Failure to Test Blinded the U.S. to Covid-19

Aggressive screening might have helped contain the coronavirus in the United States. But technical flaws, regulatory hurdles and lapses in leadership let it spread undetected for weeks.

WHY WIDESPREAD CORONAVIRUS TESTING ISN'T COMING ANYTIME SOON



A critical shortage of swabs and other testing components is, in many cases, making it impossible for labs across the country to expand their capacity. Photograph by Ted S. Warren / AP

[WEBMD HEALTH NEWS]

COVID-19 Testing Hits Second Wall: Lack of Supplies

By Brenda Goodman, MA, Christine Lehmann, MA

March 30, 2020 -- On March 19, emergency management officials in Nashville gave reporters a glimpse of new drive-thru testing sites for COVID-19 that were expected to greatly expand the city's ability to check sick residents for the deadly [coronavirus](#), which is plowing through the U.S. and has crippled the economy.



Coronavirus Outbreak 2020



CORONAVIRUS HOME

Full Coverage of the
COVID-19 Outbreak

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Investigations

Inside the coronavirus testing failure: Alarm and dismay among the scientists who sought to help

The Washington Post



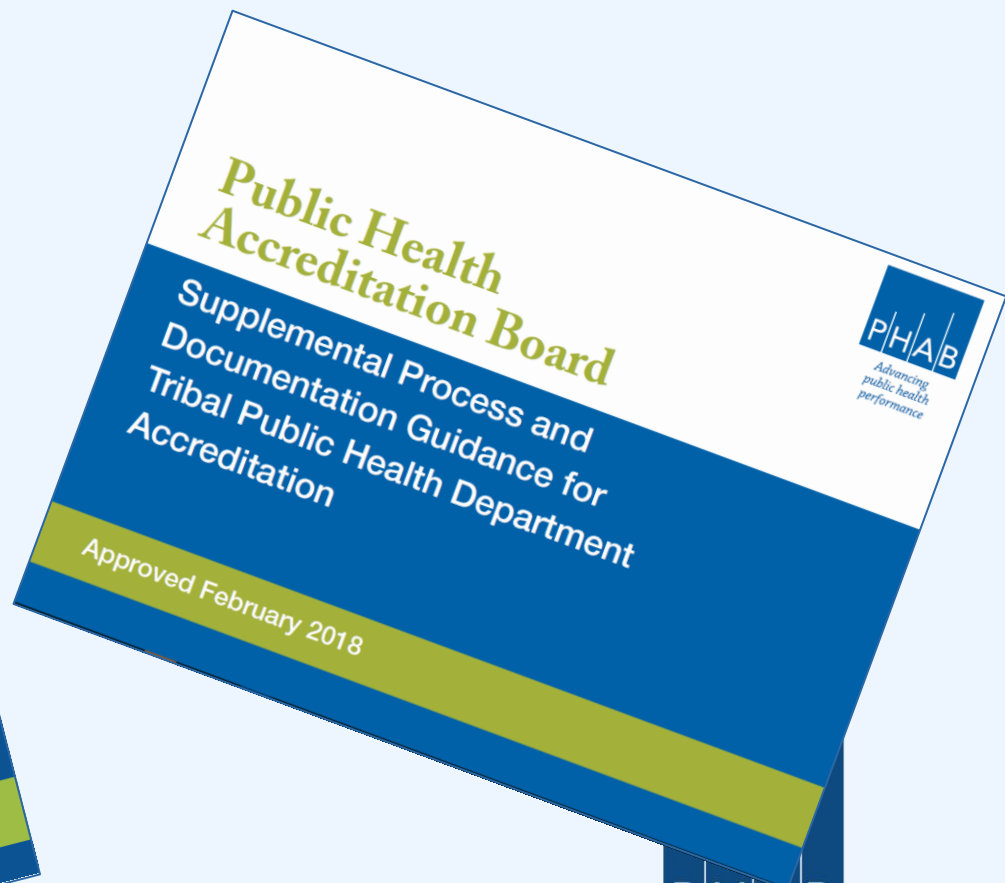
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Public Health Laboratory COVID-19 News Coverage

APHL Media Statements and Blog Articles

- **Nation's Public Health Leaders Urge President Trump to use All Available Authorities to Quickly Produce Testing Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment** | April 10, 2020
- **Coronavirus Stimulus Provides Key Investments in Public Health**
March 27, 2020
- **APHL and Partners: COVID Aid Package Provides Much Needed Funding for Data Modernization** | March 27, 2020
- **COVID-19 Testing Needs to Be Limited to Priority Groups Until Sufficient Testing Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment is Available Nationwide**
March 20, 2020
- **APHL CEO to His Kids: We Will Get Through This. Now Go Wash Your Hands**
March 13, 2020
- **APHL: Expanding Testing Capacity for COVID-19 Greatly Bolsters U.S. Public Health Response** | Feb. 29, 2020
- **APHL and Partners Urge Emergency Funding to Bolster Novel Coronavirus Response** | Feb. 24, 2020
- **Media Statement on Novel Coronavirus Public Health Emergency Declaration from APHL Executive Director Scott Becker** | Jan. 31, 2020
- **Responding to the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Emerging in Wuhan, China**
Jan. 24, 2020





Applicability of Public Health Accreditation Standards

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is charged with administering the national public health department accreditation program. To that end, PHAB's scope of accreditation extends only to governmental public health departments operated by Tribes, states, local jurisdictions, and territories.

PHAB's public health department accreditation standards address the array of public health functions set forth in the ten Essential Public Health Services. Public health department accreditation standards address a range of core public health programs and activities including, for example, environmental public health, health education, health promotion, community health, chronic disease prevention and control, infectious disease, injury prevention, maternal and child health, public health emergency preparedness, access to clinical services, public health laboratory services, vital records and health statistics, management /administration, and governance. Thus, public health department accreditation gives reasonable assurance of the range of public health services that a health department should provide. The standards refer to this broad range of work as health department processes, programs, and interventions.

While some public health departments provide mental health, substance abuse, primary care, human services, and social services (including domestic violence), these activities are not considered core public health services under the ten Essential Public Health Services framework used for accreditation purposes. PHAB's scope of accreditation authority does not extend to these areas. Documentation from these program areas generally will not be accepted for public health department accreditation. Similarly, documentation from health care facilities and professional licensing programs and the administration of health care financing systems (e.g., Medicaid) cannot



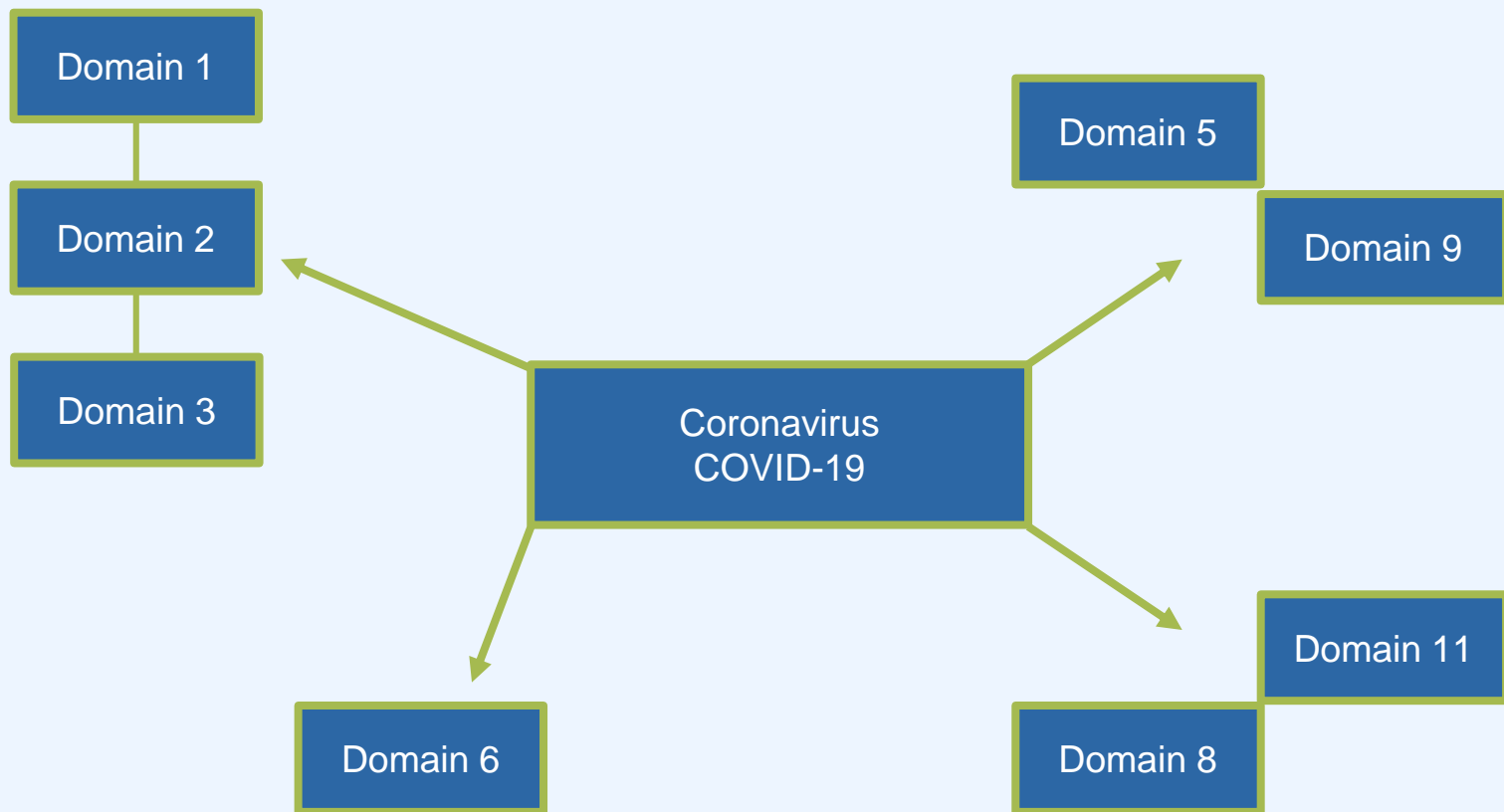
The Essential Public Health Services and Core Functions
Source: Core Public Health Functions Steering Committee, Fall 1994

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PHAB recognizes that some Tribal health departments are embedded within the Tribe's overall health care system. In these cases, the Tribe will want to be sure to select only those programs that are provided for the protection and promotion of health for the broader community or population for which the Tribal health department is responsible. (See the PHAB guidance one-page tip sheet on **Accepted Program Areas for PHAB Documentation** at www.phaboard.org).

Public Health Laboratory

A public health laboratory is a scientific research facility that, in collaboration with the public health system, provides clinical diagnostic testing, disease surveillance, environmental and radiological testing, emergency response support, applied research, laboratory training and other essential services to the communities they serve.



Laboratory Measures



1.3.2 S/L/T	2.2.1
2.1.4	Std 2.3
2.1.5	Std 8.1
2.1.6 S	11.1.7

What labs are we talking about?

All that you work with!

Tribal Health Department Labs

Hospital and Other Providers

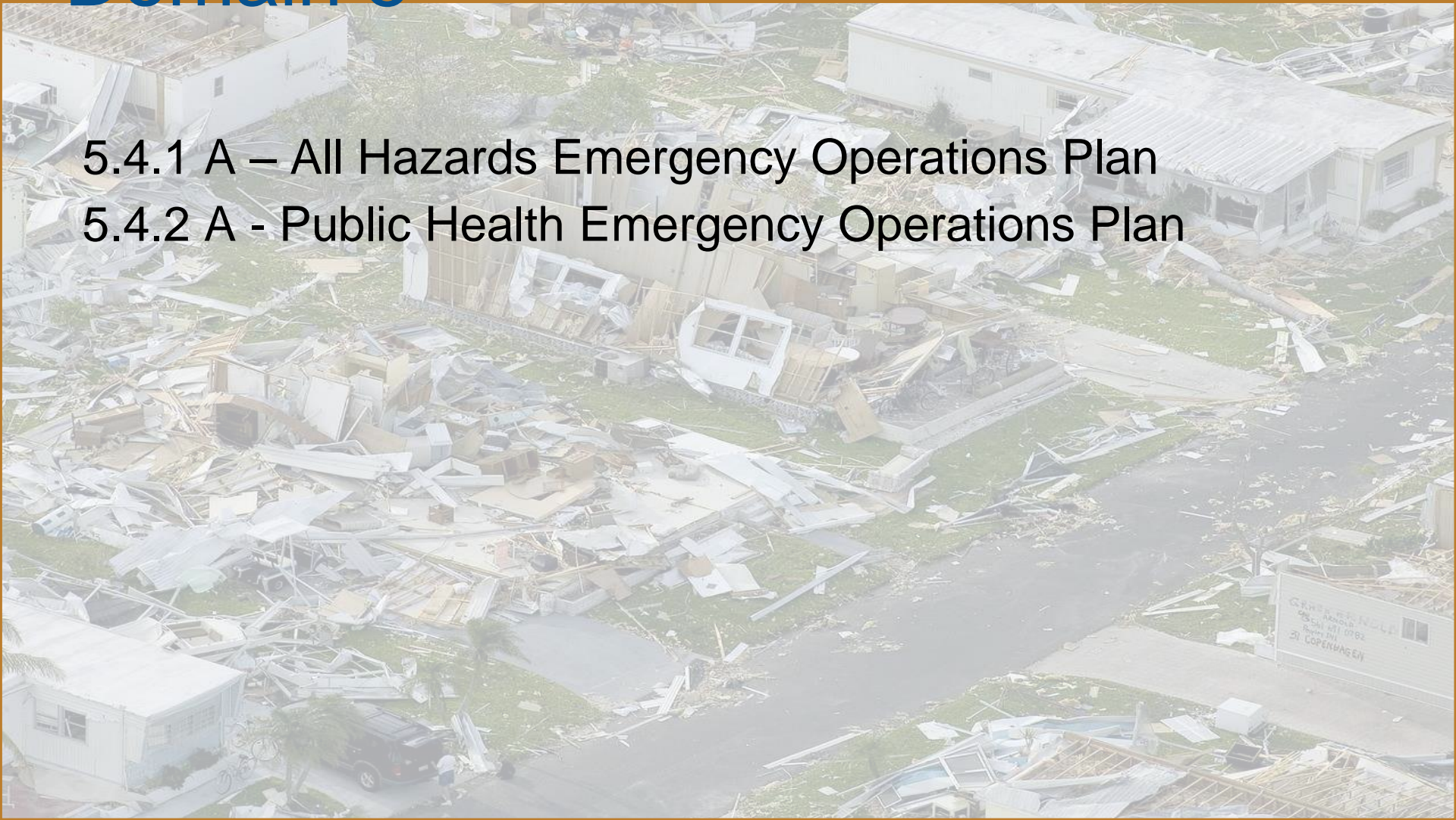
State Lab of Public Health

Reference Laboratories

PHAB's intent – that the THD has laboratory services available to fulfill the needs of the community and to meet the measure requirements.

Domain 5

5.4.1 A – All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan
5.4.2 A - Public Health Emergency Operations Plan



Domain 2 – Standard 2.1

2.1.4 RD 3 - Laboratory testing for notifiable/reportable diseases

A list of labs that provides testing

2.1.5 RD 1 - Tracking log or audit of...laboratory tests reports...with actual timelines noted

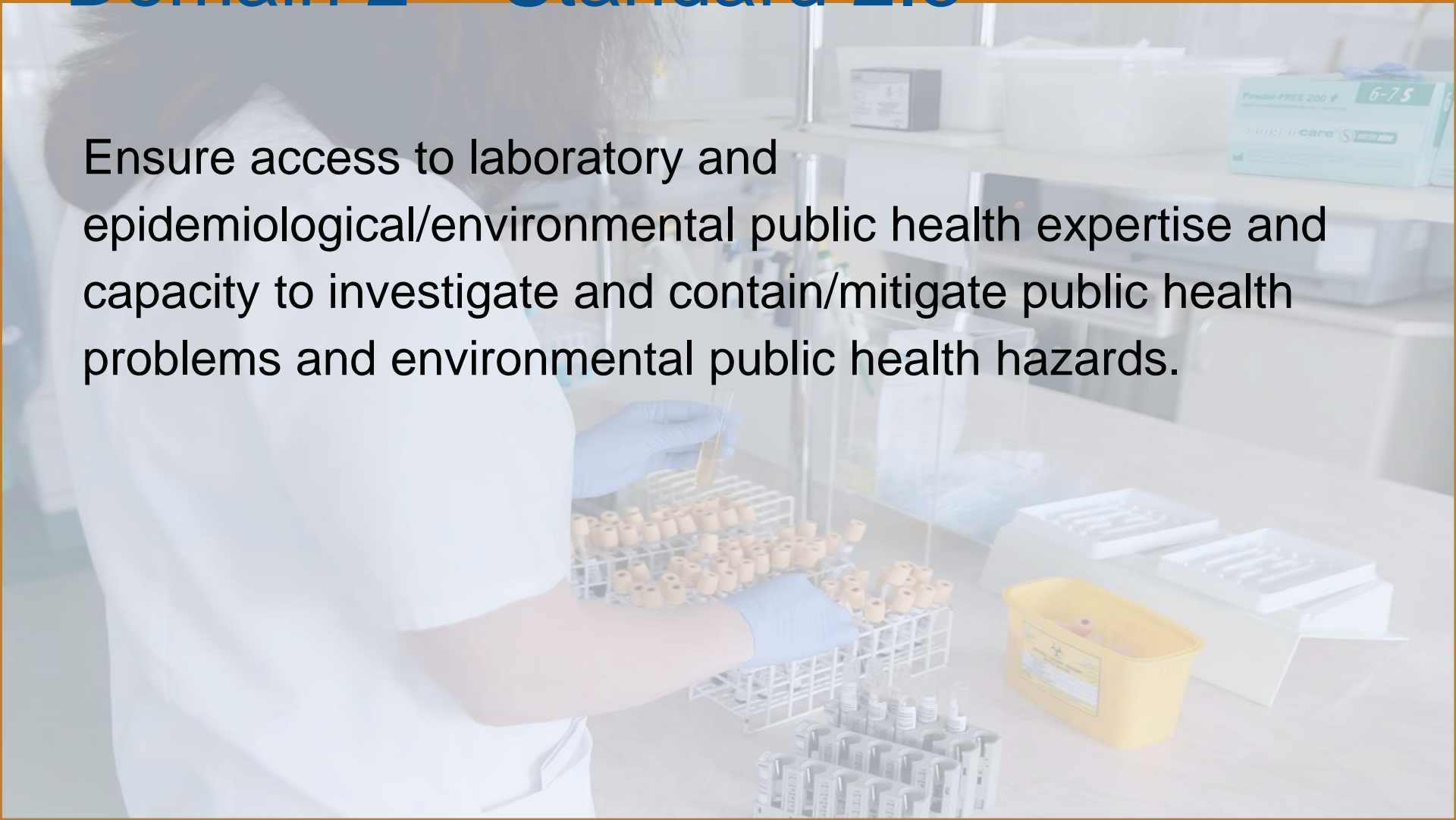
2.1.6 S – Consultation to Tribal Health Departments – laboratory included

Domain 2 – Standard 2.2

2.2.1 RD 1 - Protocol(s) that address containment/mitigation of public health problems and environmental public health hazards
protocols must address communication with the public health laboratory

Domain 2 – Standard 2.3

Ensure access to laboratory and epidemiological/environmental public health expertise and capacity to investigate and contain/mitigate public health problems and environmental public health hazards.



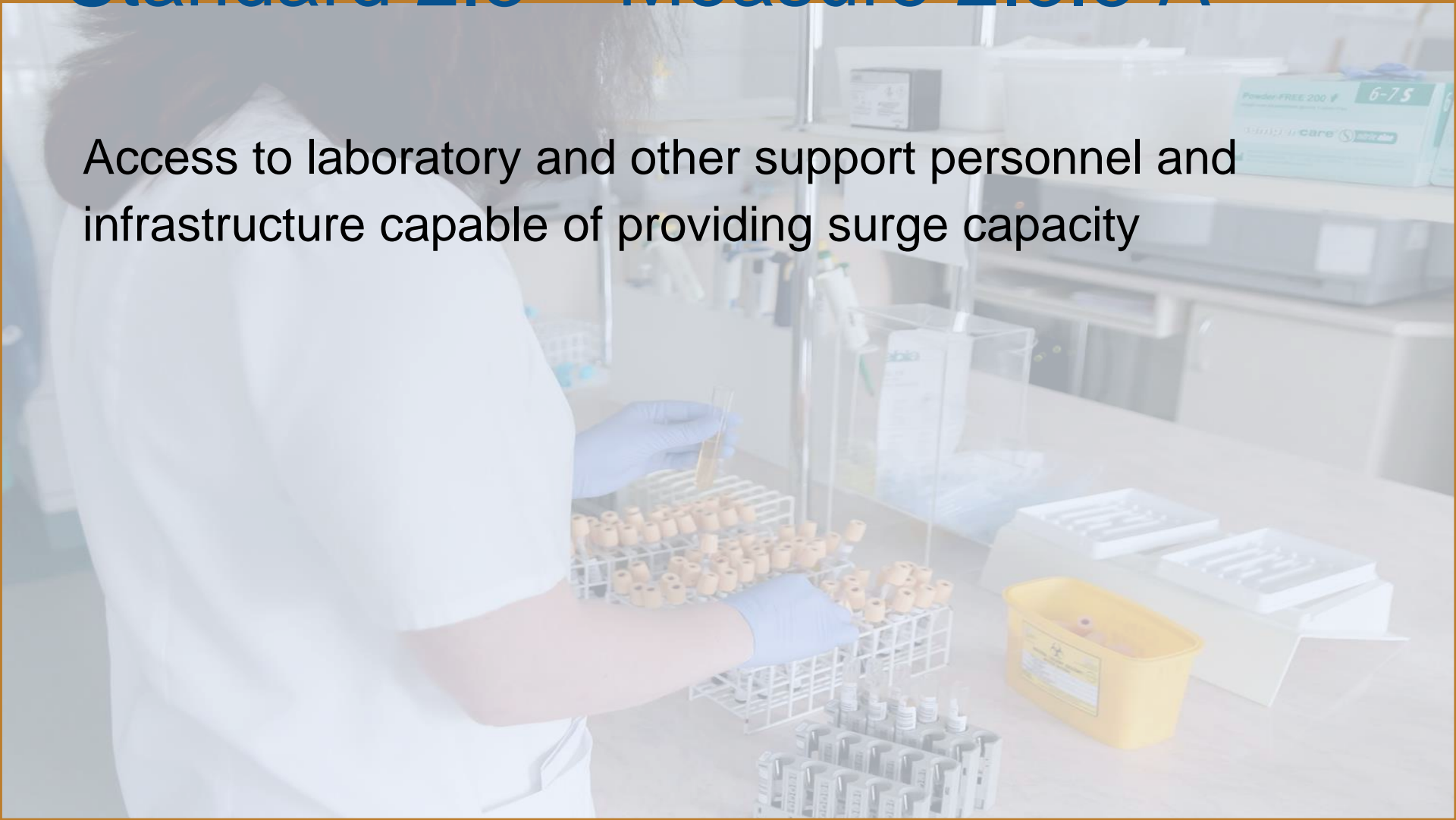
Standard 2.3 – Measure 2.3.2 A

24/7 access to laboratory resources capable of providing rapid detection, investigation and containment of health problems and environmental public health hazards

1. Laboratory certification
2. Policies and procedures ensuring 24/7 coverage
3. Protocols for the health department's handling and submitting of specimens

Standard 2.3 – Measure 2.3.3 A

Access to laboratory and other support personnel and infrastructure capable of providing surge capacity



Domain 11

11.1.7 A

RD 1 - Licenses for laboratory

Guidance - The health department must provide copies of licenses to meet national or state requirements appropriate for the laboratory services provided. Access to a laboratory that has Select Agent certification is required.

Domains 1 & 3

Measure 1.3.2 T – Public health data provided to the Tribal community on a variety of public health issues

‘on one or more specific public health issues’

Measure 3.2.4 A – Risk communication plan

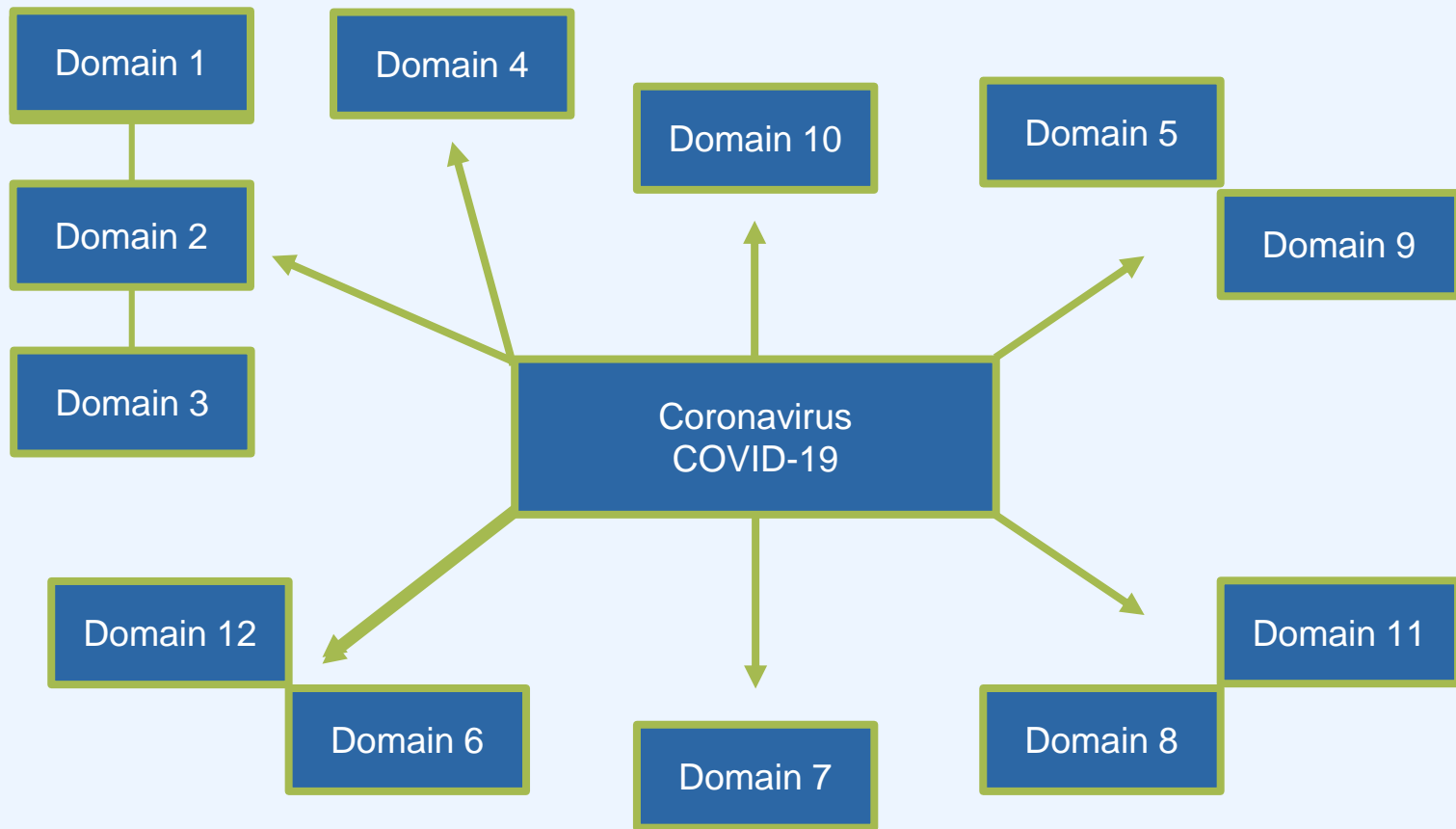
addresses ‘how information is provided for a given situation’

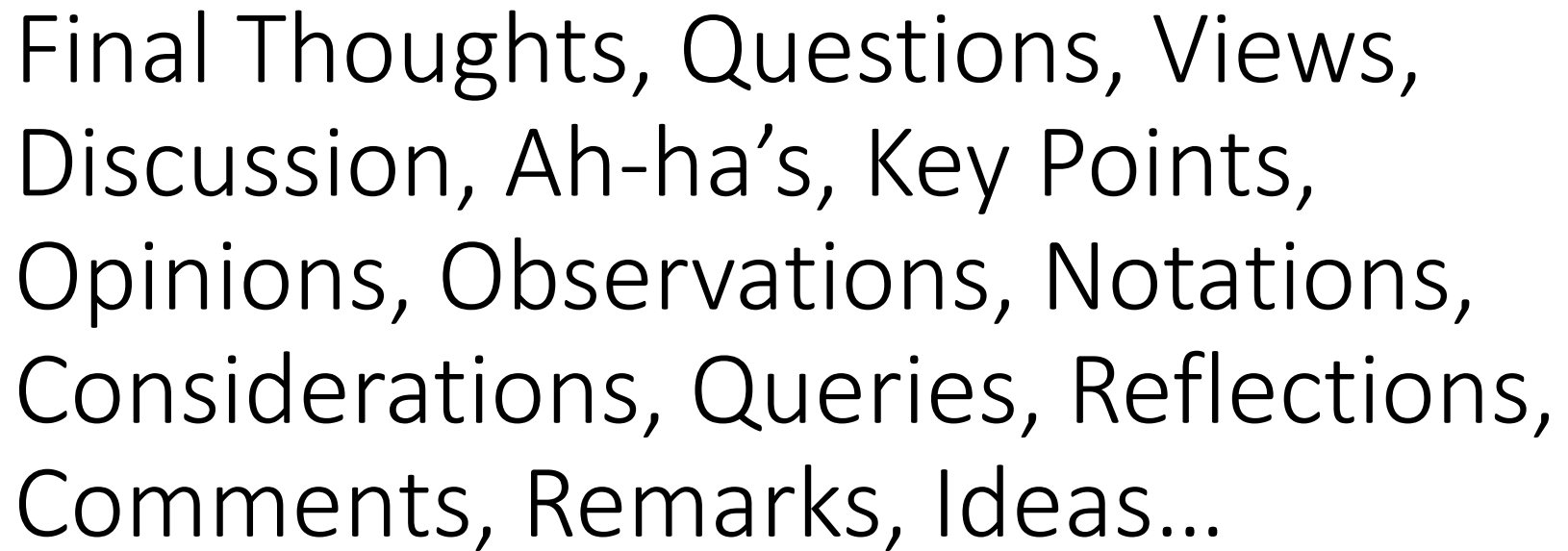
Domains 8 & 6

Std 8.1 Trained and competent workers are needed in such diverse areas as ...public health laboratory science...

8.1.1 S promote public health career choices
8.2.2 A position descriptions

Domain 6 Enforce Public Health Laws





Final Thoughts, Questions, Views,
Discussion, Ah-ha's, Key Points,
Opinions, Observations, Notations,
Considerations, Queries, Reflections,
Comments, Remarks, Ideas...



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Upcoming Trainings/Events

Update for Rural Partners, Stakeholders, and Communities on the
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Response:

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. ET

[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_HUpRZmPETsuD9mtsDiTW
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