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(a) Benchmark: The local health department shall provide or have access to laboratory capacity capable of providing for rapid detection and containment of communicable disease outbreaks; environmental health hazards; potential biological, chemical and radiological threats.

(b) Activities:

- (1) The local health department shall have written policies and procedures for handling clinical and environmental laboratory samples.
- (2) The local health department laboratory and external laboratories utilized by the local health department shall comply with all applicable federal regulations for clinical and environmental laboratory testing.
- (3) The local health department shall provide or have access to laboratory services capable of meeting routine diagnostic and surveillance needs.
- (4) The local health department shall provide or have access to laboratory services to support investigations of public problems, hazards, and emergencies.

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