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## Legal requirements to report under provincial public health legislation in Ontario

*Beverly McEwen, Grant Maxie*

According to Ontario's *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, all veterinarians in Ontario are subject to the following legal reporting requirements:

Any veterinarian who knows or suspects that a captive bird or birds or a poultry flock is infected with the agent of **psittacosis or ornithosis** shall notify the medical officer of health. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 557, s. 4 (1).

Any person (including veterinarians) who has information concerning any animal bite or other animal contact that may result in **rabies** shall as soon as possible notify the medical officer of health and provide the medical officer of health with the information. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 557, s. 2 (1); O. Reg. 420/07, s. 1.

For further information or questions with respect to public health reporting requirements for veterinarians in Ontario, please contact one of the Veterinary Consultants on staff with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care:

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## Christmas hours, 2010:

Guelph drop box and refrigerator are available 24/7 for specimen drop off.

Friday Dec. 24	Full service 0900-1700
Saturday Dec. 25	Closed
Sunday Dec. 26	0900 -1700*
Monday Dec. 27	0900 -1700*
Tuesday Dec. 28	
Wednesday Dec. 29	Limited testing services 0900 -1700, in both Guelph and Kemptville.
Thursday Dec. 30	
Friday Dec. 31	
Saturday Jan. 1	0900 -1700*
Sunday Jan. 2	0900 -1700*
Monday Jan. 3	Normal services resume

Please call if you would like to schedule testing over the holiday period.



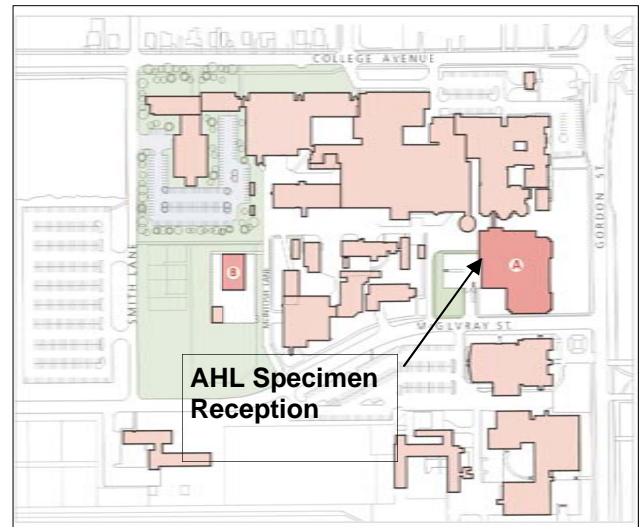
*Season's Greetings from the staff of the  
Animal Health Laboratory*

\*Services limited to Specimen Reception, emergency necropsies and bacteriology set-up in Guelph.

## We've moved!!

*Grant Maxie, Jim Fairles, Amanda Budd*

- The Animal Health Laboratory and the Department of Pathobiology have completed the move to our new building as of November 15, 2010.
- Through a few bumps and moving pains - we are in!
- We successfully kept all labs functional throughout the move, with only minimal delays in testing.
- With our state-of-the-art technology combined with an open lab concept, we aim to optimize and expand our services to you.
- Some enhancements throughout the laboratory:
  - Pass-through autoclaves and refrigerators
  - More automated instrumentation, e.g., ELISA robot
  - Separate air-flow and entrances for restricted rooms
  - Enhanced biosecurity and biocontainment
  - TSE and FAD labs now within the building rather than in portables
  - 24/7 client service drop-off refrigerator and drop box
  - alkaline digester in planning stages
- Virtual tour of our new facilities online - coming soon!
- Please contact us for new submission forms, pre-printed waybills, and our new directions and map.



We look forward to serving you from our new facility!



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Combined Pathobiology - Animal Health Laboratory building (building 89)  
Federal-provincial funding—\$32M federal, \$25M provincial  
Completed move-in in November, 2010



Nucleic acid extraction robot in foreign animal disease lab



ELISA robot - capacity of ~1,500 tests per shift



Official ribbon cutting, Oct. 7, 2010 - L to R - OVC Dean Elizabeth Stone, Guelph-Wellington MPP Liz Sandals, Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, Hon. Carol Mitchell, President Alistair Summerlee - official party also included Dr. Kevin Hall, UofG VP Research



Microbiology labs



Specimen Reception on the west side of the building

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