



# SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY Public Health Laboratory

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## Bulletin

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### Public Health Laboratory Web Portal is Live!

Customers of the SLO Public Health Laboratory can now use the internet to look up laboratory reports—for human, animal and environmental test results. Reports can be viewed as pdf file documents and printed directly from screen images. To become a web portal user, you must be an existing customer. On request, customers will be enabled to securely view only reports for laboratory submissions from their agency. Instructions are located on the SLO Public Health Laboratory website: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/healthtesting/laboratory.htm>

At the website, find the Web Portal User enrollment link. Managers of submitting agencies need to obtain, fill out and submit by e-mail a special spreadsheet with information regarding all staff approved to lookup test results, and have all approved staff review and sign a user agreement document—to be returned as a hard copy to the Laboratory Director at 2191 Johnson, SLO, CA 93401. Web portal users will need to establish routines for review of reports as new reports are queued for review and require a click to be removed from the new reports queue. For more information, email [jbeebe@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jbeebe@co.slo.ca.us) or [rhendry@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:rhendry@co.slo.ca.us).

### Emerging Infections 2011

A new Phlebovirus of the Bunyavirus group that causes severe human illness has been identified in central China (New England J Med 364:16, April 21, 2011.) Researchers at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, using enhanced surveillance of acute febrile illness, discovered a previously unrecognized virus causing severe fever with thrombocytopenia. Infection in 171 patients from six provinces in Central and Northeast China was detected by RNA analysis, and specific antibody measurement, or both. The syndrome was used for the name of the virus, now called **SFTS virus**. Most cases occurred in May to July; 56% of patients were female, and the majority of patients had farm occupations in wooded or hilly areas.

SFTS viral RNA was not detected in mosquitoes, but was detected in some ticks of the Ixodidae family. The putative vector, **Haemaphysalis longicornis**, will need additional study before scientific authorities accept the evidence for transmission of this virus.

Laboratory fees for the county fiscal year July 1 2011- June 30, 2012 are being posted on the Public Health Laboratory website today June 30, 2011.

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/healthtesting/laboratory.htm>

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