



# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

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## Explanation of Fees

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- The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Laboratory (SLOPHL) does not offer any free testing, but may reduce or waive fees if the testing is in the interest of public health.
- The County of San Luis Obispo bears the costs of any testing that is not recovered by fees.
- SLOPHL cannot offer discounts as fees are based on a cost recovery calculation, i.e. not for profit. However, a large testing program may be offered a lower fee based on the economy of scale that large number of specimens, tested in batch mode may provide. Fees for large volume testing programs may be available after consultation with the laboratory director.

## FEE POLICY BY TEST CATEGORY:

### **Sexually Transmitted Disease**

Testing required for interpretation of test results (such as a syphilis screening testing ordered by the health officer to assist in understanding a confirmatory test result).

### **Tuberculosis**

No charge for outbreak or case contact investigation specimens solicited for submission to assist with the determination of latent or active TB communicable disease testing for uninsured patients in the interest of prevention of the spread of disease and epidemiologic purposes.

### **Mycology**

No charge for outbreak specimens solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations by such agents as *Coccidioides* and *Blastomyces*.

### **Bacteriology, Enteric Pathogens**

No charge for confirmation of isolates of *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, *Campylobacter*, Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli*, *Vibrio*, *Yersinia enterocolitica* for epidemiologic surveillance, and specimens when solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations, including the possible use of an agent as a bioweapon.

### **Virology**

No charge for specimens from selected patients as defined by published public health testing criteria, or specimens when solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations, including the possible use of an agent as a bioweapon.

### **Parasitology**

No charge for outbreak specimens solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations by such agents as *Cryptosporidium*.

### **Serology**

No charge for outbreak specimens solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations.

### **Animal Specimens**

No charge for specimen submitted by San Luis Obispo County Animal Services, and animal or insect samples requested for public health surveillance for zoonotic diseases.

### **Food or other Environmental Samples**

No charge for samples solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations.