



Public Health Laboratories – Operations & Support

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The Office of Laboratory Operations and Technical Support (Operations) provides internal technical and operational support to the Public Health Laboratories (PHL). Activities conducted by the office include: training program/technology transfer, media and glassware preparation, mail services, and facilities maintenance and consultation to both local public and private health laboratories.

Services

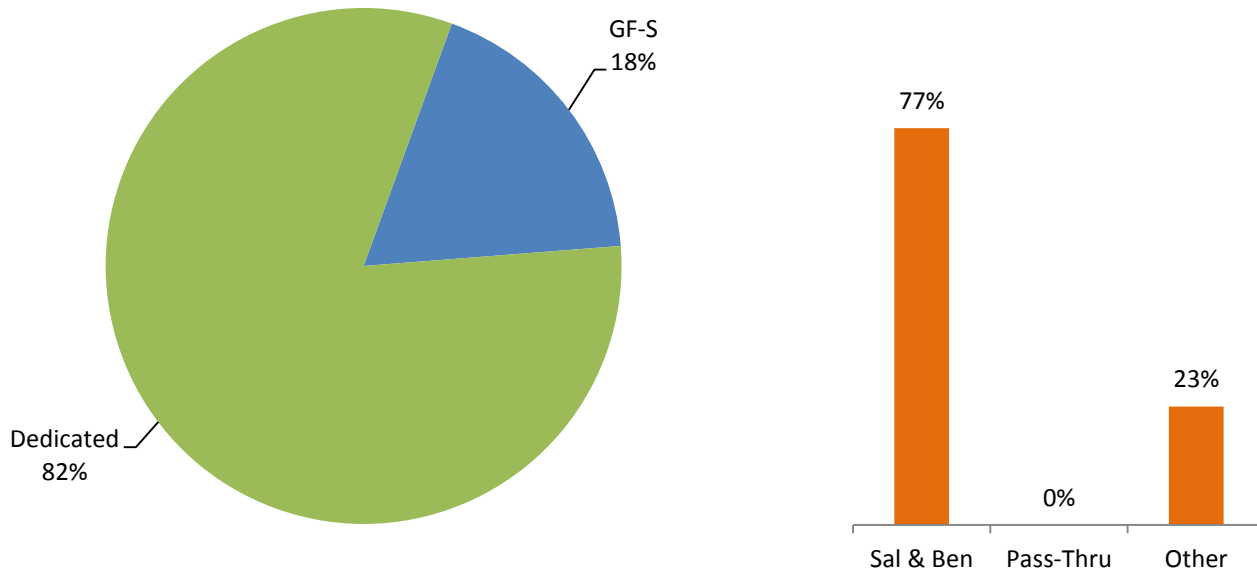
- **PHL Specimen Receiving and Accessioning:** The Operations mailroom receives all mail, samples, and specimens that are sent to the PHL. Specimens are prepared for testing and data entry is performed for incoming tests. Operations assembles and ships specimen collection kits and containers used to deliver specimens to the PHL. They are responsible for their contents, quality control and shipping. During disease outbreaks, laboratory support from this unit is coordinated with the efforts of local health officers, physicians, and state epidemiologists.
- **PHL Maintenance:** The maintenance section is responsible for the maintenance of the PHL building, equipment, and grounds. This includes providing maintenance of PHL vehicles, oversight on preventative maintenance of laboratory equipment, meeting room setup, building security, and the provision of janitorial services.
- **Glassware and Media Preparation:** This section makes the majority of the laboratory test media used by the PHL's laboratories. They are responsible for laboratory glassware preparation, waste disposal, and other support functions that are necessary for the laboratories' day-to-day activities.
- **PHL Training Program:** The PHL training staff develops and presents training courses for internal and to a limited number of external laboratory personnel. The PHL Training program brings national training programs to Washington State and provides laboratory trainers for National Laboratory Training Network classes in other states. The PHL Training program operates one of four national training facilities for the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Emergency Response Network (FERN).

Stakeholders

- Internal PHL office directors
- Local health jurisdictions and private laboratories
- FDA Food Safety and Investigation Services
- University of Washington

2013-15 biennium

Public Health Laboratories – Operations & Support Fiscal Information



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	430,000	0	1,932,000	0	2,362,000	1,828,000	0	534,000

Recent Funding History

2009-11 biennium:

- One-time GF-S reduction of \$37,000 in FY11 related to public laboratory efficiencies.
- Ongoing GF-S reduction of \$128,000 in response to Governor’s directed freeze and 1 percent cut.

2011-13 biennium:

- Ongoing GF-S reduction of \$150,000 in response to OFM’s 10 percent reduction request.
- Ongoing GF-S reduction of \$26,000 for management efficiencies

2013-15 biennium:

- One-time GF-S shift of \$2,085,670 to the Medical Test Site Licensure Account.