FAD INVESTIGATION IS INITIATED

AVIC and SAHO will:

- Assign an FADD.
- Ensure FAD Referral Control Number is assigned in EMRS.
- Assign FAD/EDI Case Coordinator(s).
- Ensure that initial case report is prepared and transmitted to the FADD.
- Consult with FADD, NVSL, and NAHLN lab to determine a diagnostic sample submission plan. Include AVIC and SAHO for State of NAHLN lab, if different from the State of sample origin.
- Consult with FADD to ensure that an investigation classification and a diagnostic sample submission priority are assigned.
- If AVIC, SAHO, and FADD designate Priority 1 or A, immediately call VS District and NPIC.

FADD will:

- Contact producer/owner/veterinary practitioner within 8 hours, and conduct a site visit within 24 hours. Situations involving interstate or international commerce must be investigated immediately.
- Contact NVSL Ames/NVSL FADDL and the NAHLN lab by phone prior to sample shipment/transport with the following:
  - Tracking number or transport identification,
  - Estimated time of arrival, and
  - Classification and priority.
- Ensure VS 10-4 Specimen Submission Form is completed for all diagnostic samples.
- Contact AVIC, SAHO, and Tribal Officials with quarantine or hold order recommendations.
- Along with AVIC, ensure that EMRS data entry and follow-up forms are completed.

NPIC or DISTRICT OFFICE
Coordinates conference call within 2 hours if Priority 1 or A.

PRIORITY 1
- High Suspicion
- NPIC or District Office coordinates conference call within 2 hours
- Rapid or extraordinary methods for sample collection and transport
- Testing conducted immediately upon arrival (overtime services as needed)

PRIORITY 2
- Intermediate Suspicion
- Rapid methods for sample collection and transport
- Testing conducted as necessary (overtime services as needed)
- If sample arrives before close of business test immediately; after close of business test the following day; Saturday test on weekends only with prior notification and approval

PRIORITY 3
- Low Suspicion
- Routine methods for sample collection and transport
- Testing conducted in accession order (no overtime services)

PRIORITY A
- Intermediate or Low Suspicion
- NPIC or District Office coordinates conference call within 2 hours
- Potential circumstances of investigation indicate need for rapid or extraordinary methods for sample collection and transport
- Testing conducted immediately upon arrival (overtime as needed)

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**Diagnostic Sample Reporting Procedures**

**First Set**
- Submits sample to NVSL as “Priority 1.”
- Immediately reports result to NVSL Director.
- Notifies SAHO.
- Enters results in the NAHLN Database.

**Second Set**
- NVSL Reference Lab
  - Performs confirmatory tests.
  - Reports results to NVSL Director.

**NVSL Reference Lab**
- NVSL Director
  - Notifies:
    - VETERINARY SERVICES
      - • VS DA, and
      - • VS ADA for Field Ops

**VETERINARY SERVICES**
- Coordinates conference call within 2 hours if results are positive, suspect, or inconclusive.

**AVIC for the State of the NAHLN Laboratory**
- • Secures all paperwork.
- • Determines source of submission.
- • Determines last known premises.
- • Notifies District Office, State Officials, and FADD.

**AVIC for the State of the Sample Submission**
- • Performs confirmatory tests.
- • Reports results to NVSL Director.

**FADD**
- Submits sample. If only one set is collected, send to NVSL. If two are collected, send the first to NVSL and the second to NAHLN.
- Provides final report, including results from NVSL to:
  - • Client,
  - • AVIC, and
  - • NVSL Director.

**NVSL FADDL**
- Main Office (631) 323-3256
- AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS
  - Diagnostic Services Section Head (631) 375-5314
  - Acting Diagnostic Services Section Head (631) 405-0218
  - Courier (631) 566-0073

**NVSL AMES**
- NVSL Director (515) 337-7601
- Diagnostic Virology (515) 337-7551
- Diagnostic Bacteriology & Pathology (515) 337-7526
- Diagnostic Bioanalytical & Reagent (515) 337-7563
- AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS
  - Nat’l Centers for Animal Health Dispatch (515) 337-7200

**NPIC (M-F, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM ET)**
- Jon Zack (240) 252-8074
- Barbara Porter-Spalding (919) 637-4409
- NPIC/NVS 24/7 Emergency Answering Service (800) 940-6524

**APHIS VS DISTRICT OFFICES**
- District One (508) 363-2278
- District Two (517) 337-4700
- District Three (916) 854-3950
- District Four (512) 383-2400

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