

VS GUIDANCE 12001.3 READY REFERENCE GUIDE:

PROCEDURES AND POLICY FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE (FAD)/ EMERGING DISEASE INCIDENTS (EDI)



**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

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:

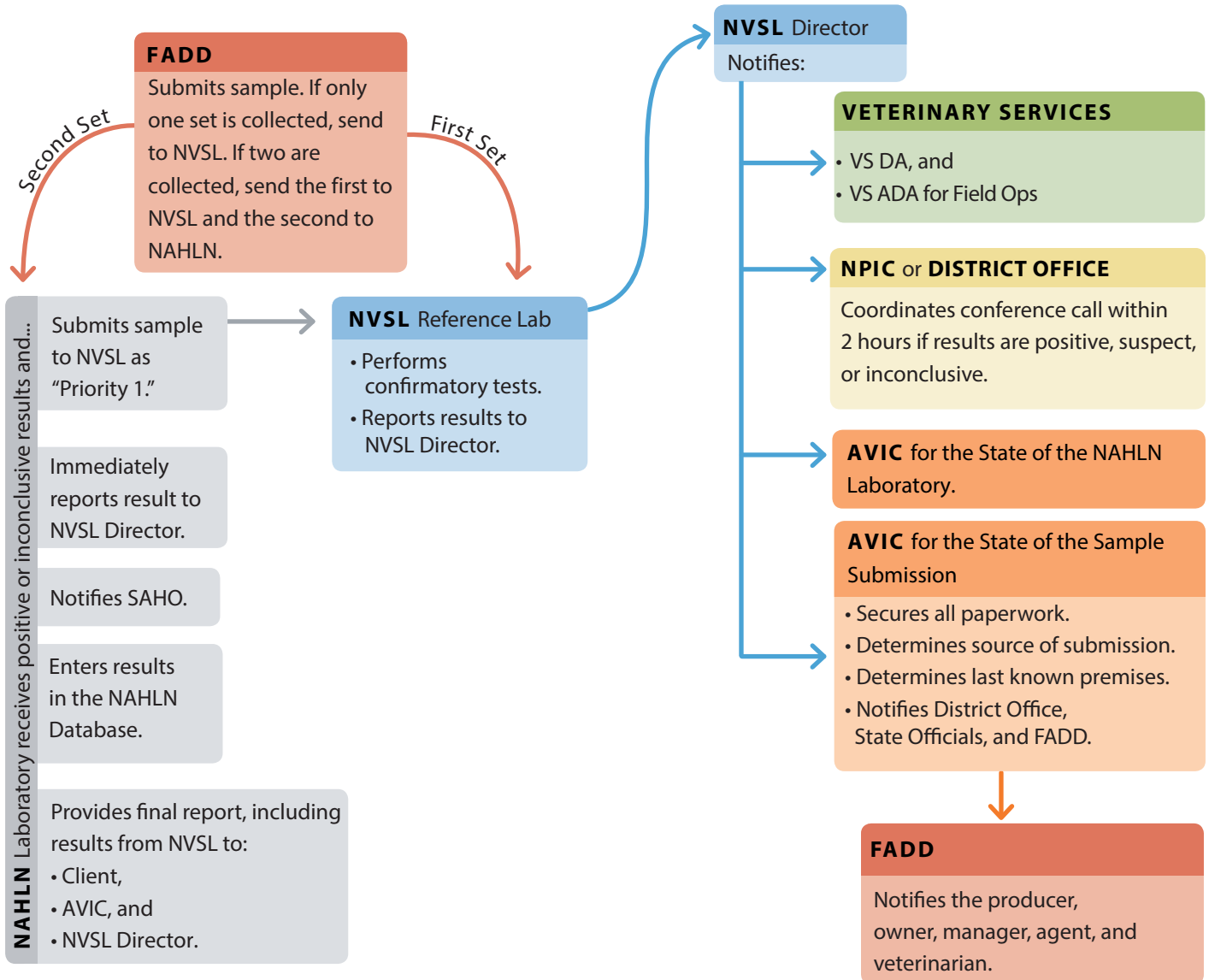
- Contact producer/owner/veterinary practitioner within 8 hours, and conduct a site visit within 24 hours. Situations involving interstate or international commerce must be investigated immediately.
- Contact NVSL Ames/NVSL FADDL and the NAHLN lab by phone prior to sample shipment/transport with the 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	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Suspicion • Routine methods for sample collection and transport • Testing conducted in accession order (no overtime services) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)

DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLE REPORTING PROCEDURES



NVSL FADDL		NVSL AMES	
Main Office	(631) 323-3256	NVSL Director	(515) 337-7601
AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS		Diagnostic Virology	(515) 337-7551
Diagnostic Services Section Head	(631) 375-5314	Diagnostic Bacteriology & Pathology	(515) 337-7526
Acting Diagnostic Services Section Head	(631) 405-0218	Diagnostic Bioanalytical & Reagent	(515) 337-7563
Courier	(631) 566-0073	AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS	
		Nat'l Centers for Animal Health Dispatch	(515) 337-7200

NPIC (M-F, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM ET)		APHIS VS DISTRICT OFFICES	
Jon Zack	(240) 252-8074	District One	(508) 363-2278
Barbara Porter-Spalding	(919) 637-4409	District Two	(517) 337-4700
AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS		District Three	(916) 854-3950
NPIC/NVS 24/7 Emergency Answering Service	(800) 940-6524	District Four	(512) 383-2400