

# Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)

Currently, there is not an active national surveillance program for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the NAHLN laboratories. However, personnel in [FMD-approved NAHLN laboratories](#) maintain current training and proficiency testing status for preparedness purposes. This preparedness measure provides the option and confidence during a foreign animal disease investigation for duplicate sample collection, as outlined in [Veterinary Services \(VS\) Guidance 12001](#) (446KB; formerly VS Memorandum 580.4). If the State Animal Health Official (SAHO) and VS Associate District Director agree, one set of samples collected during a foreign animal disease investigation can be sent to NVSL for confirmatory testing and a duplicate set of samples sent to the local NAHLN laboratory for a preliminary screening test to provide faster *preliminary* information for decision-making.