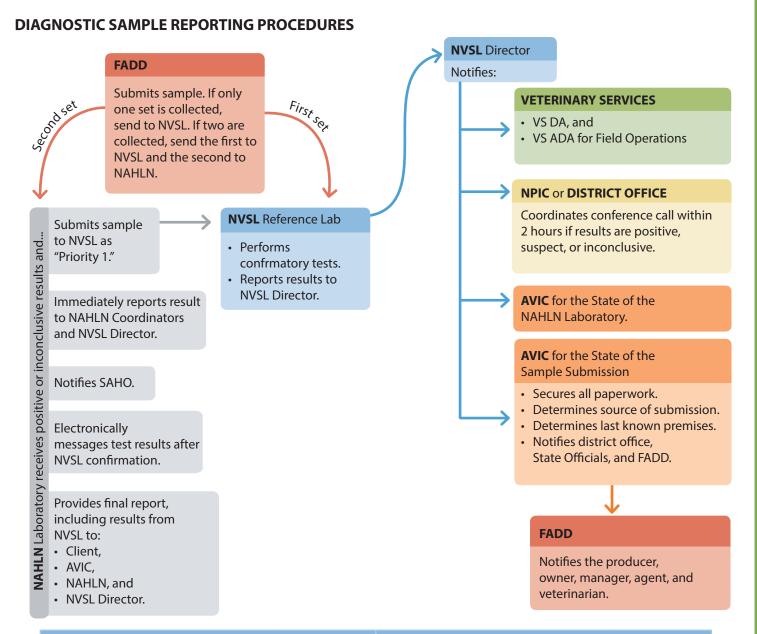
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VS GUIDANCE 12001.4 READY REFERENCE GUIDE: Procedures and Policy for the Investigation of Potential Foreign Animal Disease (FAD)/Emerging Disease Incidents (EDI)

FAD INVESTIGATION IS INITIATED

AVIC and SAHO will: FADD will: Assign an FADD. Contact producer/owner/veterinary Ensure FAD Referral Control Number practitioner within 8 hours, and conduct a is provided to the FADD. site visit within 24 hours. Situations involving Assign FAD/EDI Case Coordinator(s). interstate or international commerce must be investigated immediately. Ensure that initial case history is prepared and transmitted to the FADD. Contact NVSL Ames/NVSL FADDL and Consult with FADD, NVSL, and NAHLN lab to the NAHLN lab by phone prior to sample determine a diagnostic sample submission shipment/transport with the following: plan. Include AVIC and SAHO for State of • Tracking number or transport NAHLN lab, if different from the State of identification, sample origin. • Estimated time of arrival, and • Classification and priority. Consult with FADD to ensure that an Ensure VS 10-4 Specimen Submission Form investigation classification and a diagnostic sample submission priority are assigned. is completed for all diagnostic samples. Contact AVIC, SAHO, and Tribal Officials with If AVIC, SAHO, and FADD designate Priority 1 guarantine or hold order recommendations. or A, immediately call VS district office and NPIC. Along with the FAD/EDI Case Coordinator, ensure that EMRS data entry and follow-up forms are completed in as close to real time **NPIC** or **DISTRICT OFFICE** as possible and reasonable, and no later than 24 hours after the FADD's examination Coordinates conference call within of the affected animal(s). 2 hours if Priority 1 or A.

PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3	PRIORITY A
 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) 	 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 	 Low Suspicion Routine methods for sample collection and transport Testing conducted in accession order (no overtime services) 	 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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