

THE KENTUCKY LABORATORY SENTINEL

KY Department for Public Health
Division of Laboratory Services

On the Road.....



The Bioterrorism workshops are now complete. Ten workshops were held throughout the year, with approximately sixty labs participating. This gets us on the road to preparedness for acts of terrorism. In the upcoming year, the Ky. State Public Health Lab plans on visiting every sentinel site in Kentucky. This visit will help us form partnerships and assess any needs that sentinel sites may have.

Sentinel sites **MUST** have one person certified to package and ship infectious substances!

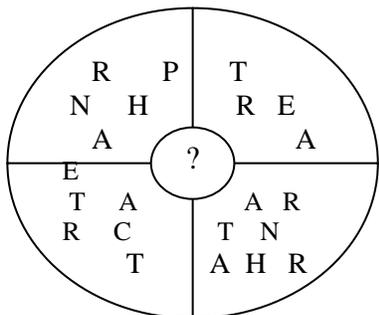
HIPAA

HIPAA allows disclosing identifiable information such as name, address, and social security number for public health purposes.

For more information, go to <http://www.answers.hhs.gov> – under category, select ...Privacy of Health Information

PUZZLER

Unscramble the letters in each "pie" segment, then find the missing letter that completes each word.
(Letter is same for each word)



Know the answer or need help?
Suggestions or ideas for future communications - email leighann.bates@mail.state.ky.us

WHAT "BUGS" YOU!

False Positive O157 results....

Several months ago, we had a few false positive O157 results. Organisms, such as *Morganella morganii*, autoagglutinate in the O157 latex reagent. Some kits do not clearly explain how to avoid this problem. If you get a positive agglutination in the O157 reagent, take it one step further to make sure it is a true positive. Put one drop of your specimen solution into the negative control reagent. If you get agglutination, then you have a false positive reaction. If it doesn't agglutinate, then you have a true positive O157.

It is important to make sure that you have a true positive to ensure a correct diagnosis.