

Dear Equine Submitters:

Thank you for submitting samples to the CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories. We appreciate your business. We wanted to provide you with a few updates related to EIA testing at our Fort Collins, Rocky Ford and Western Slope laboratories. A thorough review of our costs related to EIA AGID and ELISA tests has led to forthcoming changes in pricing structure and implementation of more efficient submission procedures. **Beginning May 18, 2020, the cost of EIA AGID test will increase to \$13 and the cost of the EIA ELISA test will decrease to \$10.** Lower costs and ability to provide results quickly to clients have made the EIA ELISA our preferred testing method.

The USDA has recently released new guidance (VS 15201.1) that describes additional requirements for EIA testing. In order to comply with the new regulations, we are requesting that veterinarians submit a copy of the electronic VS 10-11 submission form (GVL, VSPS or USALIMS) at the time of sample submission (preferred) or within 24 hours of sample submission. This can be accomplished by either a paper copy accompanying the sample or a PDF copy sent to our lab email addresses, dlab@colostate.edu (Fort Collins), cvmbs-vdl_rockyford@colostate.edu (Rocky Ford) or vdل_western_slope@colostate.edu (Grand Junction).

There are five additional USDA requirements that we would like to highlight:

- 1) Please fill out Form VS 10-11 completely – do not leave any spaces blank.
- 2) You are required to provide the county on the form (location of the equid at the time of blood draw).
- 3) You are required to provide your USDA National Accreditation Number. We are now required to verify accreditation status with the USDA prior to testing. You may check your accreditation status and renewal date at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct_areavet. Click the Check My Accreditation Status button – it will indicate your category, renewal date and all the state(s) where you are authorized.
- 4) The VS 10-11 form has been revised and old hard copy forms will no longer be accepted. Please use the new form for submission or utilize an electronic platform. These platforms (GVL, VSPS and USALIMS) are being updated to be in compliance with the new regulations.
- 5) After distribution of final results, the information recorded on the VS 10-11 cannot be changed except for transposition of digits, errors in recording microchip digits, misspelling of name, use of barn name vs registered name, and age errors. All other errors will require a resubmission with a new blood draw.



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We are unable to test samples until we receive a fully completed copy of the VS 10-11 form. We thank you for your understanding. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the new regulations and we will be very pleased to assist you. We would also like to remind our submitters that we have a free mobile app available for use for EIA submissions. This app provides a convenient and easy way to submit your EIA testing. If you would like to sign up to receive your username and password, please contact the VDL main office at 970-297-1281 or email us at dlab@colostate.edu.

Thank you,

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