

RABIES TESTING UPDATE

Effective October 1, 2024 the State Hygienic Laboratory will re-instate a \$25 fee for rabies testing where no human exposure is indicated. Specimens submitted to SHL for rabies testing where human exposure is indicated will continue to be tested free of charge. For help determining if your specimen meets guidelines for human exposure testing, contact the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services at 800-362-2736. Prior to specimen submission, please review the [Rabies Virus – Animal Specimen collection instructions](#) on the SHL website to ensure specimen integrity is maintained and the sample is properly packaged. Live bats must be hand delivered to the Coralville laboratory in an air-tight, hard sided container.