

Success Story

Erie County



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Appointment to Scientific Public Health Workgroup

Carleen Pope, MS, MPH, Chief Laboratory Technologist (Microbiology) at the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) Public Health Laboratories (PHL) has been appointed to the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) Molecular Workgroup. APHL is headquartered in Silver Springs, MD and works to strengthen laboratories serving the public's health in the US and globally. The Molecular Workgroup is a sub-committee under the standing APHL Infectious Disease Committee and is charged with monitoring and evaluating new public health laboratory technologies and their potential impact(s) on public health laboratories with a special focus on molecular technology. Currently, this group is working to develop a guidance document to assist public health laboratories to develop, validate and use laboratory developed tests for infectious diseases. APHL has appointed Carleen to this workgroup because of her efforts to develop and implement molecular tests at ECPHL.

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