



Explanation of Public Health Laboratory Test Fees

- The San Joaquin County Public Health Laboratory (SJCPHL) currently provides testing services for San Joaquin, Tuolumne, Amador, Alpine, Mariposa, Calaveras, Stanislaus and Mono counties. The (SJCPHL) does not offer free testing but may reduce or waive fees if the testing is in the interest of the public health for the prevention of the spread of disease and under San Joaquin County jurisdiction. Any specimen submission outside the purview of public health investigation or surveillance, or Title 17 California Code of Regulations (CCR) - Section 2505, will be charged to the submitters or their insurance carriers.
- SJCPHL cannot offer discounts because fees are based on a cost recovery calculation. Note: A large testing program may be available for a lower fee based on the economy of scale that large numbers of specimens provide.

Fees Policy by Test Category for Public Health Interest under San Joaquin Jurisdiction (if coordinated or submitted by San Joaquin Disease Control Prevention):

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

No charge for case contact investigation or outbreak specimens solicited for submission to assist for epidemiologic surveillance.

Tuberculosis

No charge for the case contact investigation or outbreak specimens or for uninsured/ homeless patient testing solicited for submission to assist with the determination of latent or active TB communicable disease.

Mycology

No charge for outbreak specimens solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations, or if the samples are requested for public health surveillance.

Bacteriology, Enteric Pathogens

No charge for the rule out of Bioterrorism agents, or for the isolates submitted for *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, *Campylobacter*, Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli*, *Vibrio*, *Yersinia enterocolitica* per Title 17 2505 or if the specimens are solicited for submission to assist with the outbreak investigation.



Virology

No charge for specimens from selected patients as defined by published public health testing criteria, or solicited specimens that assist with an outbreak investigation, including the possible use of an agent as a bioweapon or samples requested for public health surveillance.

Parasitology

No charge for outbreak specimens solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations by such pathogens as Cryptosporidium or samples requested for public health surveillance.

Serology

No charge for outbreak specimens solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations or samples requested for public health surveillance.

Animal Specimens

No charge for rabies specimen submitted by San Joaquin County Animal Services, and animal or insect samples requested for public health surveillance for zoonotic diseases.

Food or other Environmental Samples

No charge for samples solicited for submission to assist with outbreak investigations.

Insurance Carriers Currently Billed:

SJCPHL can bill insurance carriers such as Health Plan of San Joaquin, Medi Cal, and Health Net if the complete information is provided during the specimen submission.