

Introductory Tour of the Public Health Laboratory (1:00)

Female Narrator: For more than 100 years, the Public Health Laboratory at the Minnesota Department of Health has worked to protect, maintain, and improve the health of all Minnesotans. First established in 1873 as a chemical laboratory to test water and food, today's Public Health Laboratory is a secure, technologically advanced facility able to handle thousands of samples a day, including potentially hazardous specimens.

The Public Health Laboratory is divided into three main sections: Newborn Screening, the Environmental Lab, and Infectious Disease Lab. Each day employees at the Public Health Laboratory work to ensure the health and safety of Minnesotans. And every sample that makes its way through one of the labs tells a story about the health of Minnesota.

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