

Scores and an analysis from the January 2008 General Panel of the NYSDOH Virology Proficiency Testing Program can be found below. Validation criteria require a sample to be correctly identified by at least 80% of participating laboratories. All five samples are valid and their identities have been confirmed by reference laboratories. CLIA and CLEP establish a passing grade at 80% or greater.

**Scoring Analysis: 42 Laboratories in category**

<b>Sample #</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Sample Identification</b>	Herpes simplex virus, type 1	Parainfluenza , type 3	No virus	VZV	Influenza virus, type A
<b>Titer Log 10 per ml</b>	6.5	5.5	0	2.2	6.3
<b>Laboratories Scoring 100%</b>	42	42	41	39	42

<b>Total Score For Panel</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Participating Laboratories</b>	38	4	0	0	0	0

Please share this information with relevant employees in your laboratory.

The staff of the Virology PT Program would like to thank you and your staff for working with us during this first year of electronic reporting. We are very grateful for your cooperation, suggestions and patience as we worked through numerous issues. We continue to welcome your input on potential improvements to any aspect of the program including the reporting process.

**Please be aware of the following notes:**

- Score sheets will NO LONGER be sent to each laboratory. These are available at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/doh3/applinks/epts/> and can be printed for your records.
- Please be sure to “Submit” test results. Keeping results as “Saved” is considered non-participation for the event and will automatically result in a failing grade in the electronic system.
- Generic worksheets will be provided for your optional use. Please do not return these worksheets to us.

- Participants **MUST** enter responses in **ALL** fields when reporting electronically; scores may be adversely affected if there are blank fields.
- Also, in the “Virus Isolated” drop down menu, please select “No virus” if your intended answer is “No virus isolated.” The scoring algorithm does not recognize “No virus isolated” and your score may be affected. In the case where “No virus” is selected, please type in NA in the required fields: Cell Line Virus Detected In, Confirmation Method/Kit, Lot #, Expiration Date.
- If you are using a confirmation method that detects and types a virus, it is expected that you will report the virus type.

Please Note: Participation in EPTRS is mandatory.

Laboratories must submit test results for future events electronically by logging in to: <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/doh3/applinks/eptrs/> entering their results and clicking the “**Submit/Attest**” button on the EPTRS Summary Page.

### **Requests for submitting results via paper**

If the Clinical Laboratory Evaluation Program (CLEP) is contacted prior to an event for permission to submit results via paper, this request may be approved under extenuating circumstances. However, the lack of active HPN accounts, the lack of submission roles, or the lack of Internet access will not excuse a laboratory from having to submit results electronically as multiple letters, monthly bulletins and emails have been sent to laboratory directors, laboratory contact persons, laboratory staff handling proficiency test samples and HPN account holders since June 19, 2006. Please note that if a laboratory does receive permission to submit results via paper from CLEP, then the paper results must be received by the due date as published:

<http://www.wadsworth.org/labcert/clep/PT/PTschedule.htm>

This due date is no longer a postmark date and is the same date as the deadline for electronic submissions! Without such approval from CLEP, mailed or faxed proficiency test results will no longer be acceptable and will result in a **failure for non-participation**.