

Scores and analysis from the September 2007 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: 43 Participating Laboratories

Sample #	966	967	968	969	970
Sample Identification	RSV	Herpes simplex virus, type 2	No virus	Influenza virus, type B	CMV
Titer Log 10 per ml	5.5	3.7	0	6.5	5.2
Laboratories Scoring 100%	41	43	43	42	38

Total Score For Panel	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Participating Laboratories	36	6	1	0	0	0

In future Virology PT events:

- 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 share this information with relevant employees in your laboratory.

Please Note: Participation in EPTRS became mandatory on June 1, 2007. 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**.

You may contact us with any questions or concerns at (518) 869-4540.