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Bureau Vision

The Bureau of Laboratories is a stronger, more diverse team within an integrated public health system. We utilize advanced technology and innovative leadership to provide comprehensive public health services in our dynamic global community.

Bureau Mission

We are dedicated to continuing leadership in providing quality laboratory science for healthier people and communities through partnerships, communication and technical innovation.



New “Exp!ore Lab Science” Program Coordinator

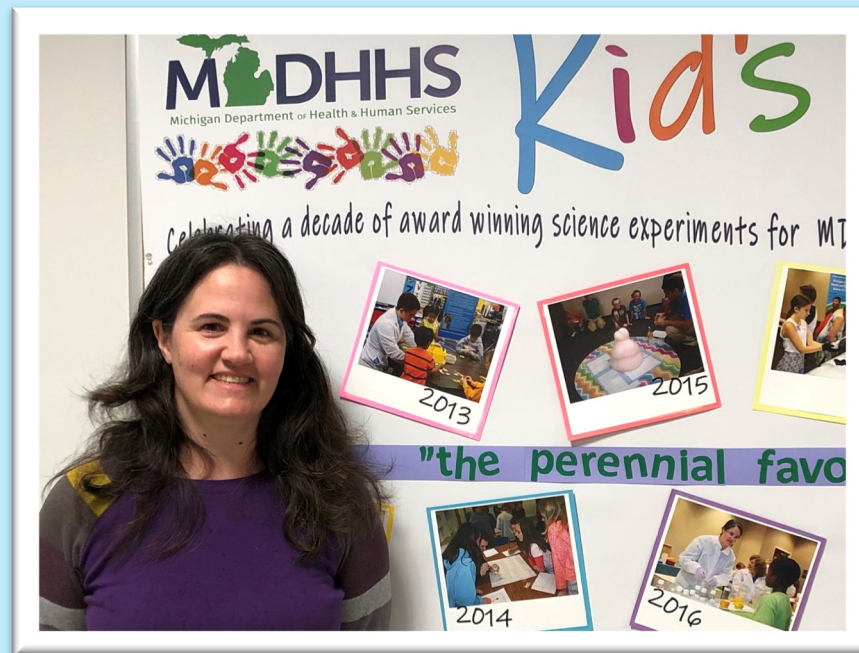
The Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) would like to introduce Heather Seymour as a recent appointee to the Laboratory Systems Section (LSS).

Heather accepted the Department Analyst position in January 2022, with a primary responsibility for maintenance of the “Exp!ore Lab Science”

educational program. She also supports outreach activities of both the Bioterrorism and Chemical Threat Response Training Coordinators.

Heather transferred to the LSS from the Mycobacteriology (AFB) unit within the BOL. In addition to Heather’s approximately 20 years working in the AFB unit as a Laboratory Technician and then a Microbiologist, she previously volunteered to assist with several educational programs, such as “Bring your Child to Work Day,” Michigan State University (MSU) “Science Festival,” and MSU 4-H Extension Service “Exploration Days.” Heather earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from MSU and gained outreach experience while working for the Department of Natural Resources, the Organization for Bat Conservation, and the Harris Nature Center. Heather brings a great passion for science and education to children of all ages.

For more information about the “Exp!ore Lab Science” program, please reach out to Heather at (517) 335-9190 or by email SeymourH@michigan.gov.



On-line Packaging and Shipping Course

The Bureau of Laboratories continues to offer an online, on-demand, training course in Packaging and Shipping for the Clinical Laboratory.

The course design meets the requirements for healthcare facility personnel that needs to ship clinical samples. PACE continuing education credits are available upon successful completion of this 1.5-hour course. The course can be used to complete initial and recurrent training needs.

This intermediate level course provides a comprehensive overview of Federal (DOT & USPS), and International (IATA) Regulations applicable to packaging and shipping of laboratory samples.

The course provides an understanding of terminology, packaging, marking, labeling, and documentation required for shipping clinical samples under these regulations.

After course completion, participants will complete an evaluation and a test that requires at least an 80% passing score in order to print out the training certificate. The training certificate must be signed by the participant’s supervisor in order to be valid.

To sign up for this course, access [MI-TRAIN](#) and search for course ID 1094582. Each participant will need to create a [MI-TRAIN](#) account if they do not already have one. For questions, or to schedule a live class, please contact Jason Wholehan at 517-335-9653 or by email at wholehanj@michigan.gov.



Packing and Shipping—Division 6.2, Biological Substances, Category B Training Course Offer

In cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this free, live-stream course is offered by MDHHS BOL on April 26, 2022 from 9:00 am—2:00 pm EST. Instructors are Teresa Miller from BOL and Katie Miller from Bluewater Diagnostics Laboratory located in Kentucky. Registration is through CDC's online learning system, CDC Train. If you do not already have an existing account, please create one at www.train.org/cdctrain, Course link: <https://www.train.org/cdctrain/course/1103150/> **live event**: Registration code **Pack&Ship22**.

This course is designed for those responsible for packing, marking, labeling and completing documentation for the transportation of Category B infectious substances, exempt human specimens, and use of dry ice. To receive a certificate of completion, the participant must pass an examination with practical exercises. This course does not provide certification for transport of dangerous goods; participants can only be certified by their employer. The responsibilities of employers for ensuring that employees are appropriately trained, tested, competent, and certified to pack and ship dangerous goods are stressed during the course.

At the conclusion of this course, the participant will be able to:

- Recognize the training requirements associated with Division 6.2 infectious substances
- Identify applicable regulations and requirements for the transportation of Category B infectious substances
- Summarize the potential risks associated with packing and shipping Category B infectious substances
- Properly mark, label, and document Category B infectious substances and exempt specimens for transport

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Laboratory Systems is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program. The P.A.C.E.® course number is 288-207-22 and is approved for 4 contact hours of P.A.C.E.® credit.



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