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**Laboratory Services Website
Patient Test Request Form and Chain of Custody
Scan QR Code:**



**HOUSTON
LABORATORY
RESPONSE
NETWORK
(LRN LABORATORY)**

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NATIONAL LRN

1. ESTABLISH NETWORK OF LABORATORIES TO RESPOND TO BIOLOGICAL/CHEMICAL THREATS
2. LINK LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL AND CLINICAL LABS.
3. COLLABORATE WITH CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC), FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD), ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES (APHL) AND AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY (ASM)

PREPARE - DETECT - RESPOND



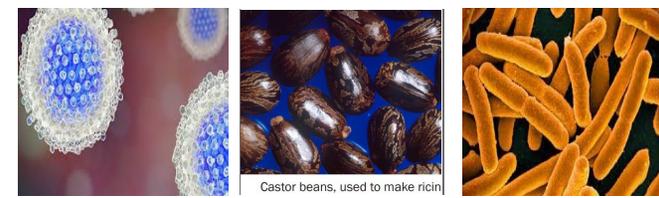
HOUSTON LRN-BIOLOGICAL



WHAT WE DO

- Provide services to City of Houston and 17 surrounding counties, with a population of ~7.5 million
- Work with FBI to screen unknown environmental threat samples
- Function as a reference laboratory for sentinel labs performing confirmatory testing on biological threat agents that cannot be ruled-out by sentinel labs using the APHL/ASM sentinel protocols
- Provide sentinel laboratory trainings for recognition and rule-out of potential biological threat agents; training on handling, packaging and shipping of infectious substances
- Conduct sentinel lab site visits and outreach
- Testing of emerging infectious disease and other highly infectious agents of public health significance

Scan QR-Code below for Association of Public Health Laboratory Sentinel Lab Bench top Cards for the Rule-Out of potential biological threat agents:



Castor beans, used to make ricin



DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES LRN-CHEMICAL

- Provides service to the state of Texas, ~29.5 million individuals
- Environmental/Clinical test screening with FBI/Local Public Health Laboratories for suspected chemical threat exposures
- Reference Laboratory for hospitals/poison control/clinics/sentinel labs performing confirmatory testing on chemical threat agents
- Provides Training to Emergency Management, First Responders, Medical Practitioners, and Safety Professionals for proper handling and shipment of chemical threat samples (biological and environmental)