The Public Health Laboratories (the Lab) provide services to protect and improve the health of people in Washington State. Tracking and monitoring diseases, testing environmental samples, and screening newborns for inherited conditions are just a few examples. We provide training to local health and clinical laboratory professionals in laboratory methods and safe handling of samples around the state. Our laboratory incorporates a number of safety features including building design, specialized equipment, and safety procedures.

The Lab is accredited by the College of American Pathologists to ensure that we meet national standards for testing patient clinical samples, like blood. The Lab is also inspected by other state and federal agencies and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. The Lab is open for tours by appointment. To schedule a tour please call (206) 418-5400.

**About Washington Public Health Laboratories**

Dr. Romesh Gautom, Laboratory Director

**Services We Provide**

**Lab testing for:**
- Newborn screening
- Infectious diseases
- Foodborne diseases
- Environmental contaminants

**Consultation to help:**
- Track disease outbreaks to prevent spread of disease
- Make sure affected newborns get immediate treatment
- Identify rare diseases
- Identify unknown substances for law enforcement or first responders

**Training on:**
- Laboratory methods
- Laboratory safety procedures

**Partners We Work With**
- Local county health departments
- Health care providers
- Hospitals and clinics
- Private laboratories
- Environmental health programs
- Federal agencies
- Law enforcement