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Media Day at DHMH Laboratories Administration

BALTIMORE, MD (April 20, 2006) -- For the first time since the fall of 2001, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Laboratories Administration will open its doors to the media. The administration will host a **Media Day on Thursday, April 27** in celebration of National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (April 23-29).

This is a **limited opportunity for local news outlets to capture up-to-date footage** and background information via tours, filming and photography of select laboratories at the 201 W. Preston Street Laboratory Tower. In addition, key laboratory scientists involved in laboratory emergency preparedness and response, newborn and childhood screening and emerging infectious diseases will be available for interviews.

Tours of the following four laboratories are available:

1. Chemical Terrorism/Biomonitoring
2. Newborn Screening
3. Molecular: Pandemic Influenza, PulseNet, HIV
4. Bioterrorism/BioSafety Level-3 Laboratory

To **register** for this unique opportunity and to select tour(s) of Maryland's Public Health Laboratory, please contact Ms. Darlene Zeller at 410-767-6100 **by Wednesday, April 26**. All visitors entering State Offices are required to present a photo ID.

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