

From Point A to Point B: Mastering Courier Logistics

Preconference Workshop, APHL 2026
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Baltimore Convention Center • Baltimore, MD

Course Number: **588-503-26**
Registration fee: **\$149 per person**
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DESCRIPTION

Laboratory leaders are facing challenges with funding courier systems and meeting accreditation requirements for sample transport and receipt. This workshop will serve to describe funding strategies and models of courier logistics management to achieve efficiency. Contracting and pricing models for courier services will be discussed with a vendor and a panel of APHL members will present successful courier operations strategies.

OBJECTIVES

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

- Describe different payment models for courier services contracting
- Identify funding sources used by APHL member laboratories for couriers
- Implement strategies to reduce costs associated with logistics operations
- Utilize laboratory system partners and networks to improve efficiency

AUDIENCE

This training is for all levels of public health laboratory professionals, including laboratory directors, assistant laboratory directors and laboratory services coordinators.

LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION

INTERMEDIATE: Refresher course; some basic knowledge is required; for the experienced staff technologist with some years of experience.

SPEAKERS

Christine Bean, PhD, MBA, MLS (ASCP), Chief Learning Officer, Association of Public Health Laboratories
Adam Perkins, BS, Laboratory Director, Missouri State Public Health Laboratory
Pamela J. Higgins, PhD, Director of PA DEP Bureau of Laboratories
Sherri Marine, Laboratory Support Services Director, State Hygienic Laboratory, Iowa
Alex Boekholt, BA, VP Sales and Marketing, STAT Courier
Aissatou Mbaye, Business Development Specialist, STAT Courier

TOPICS AND EXERCISES

2025 Courier System Survey Data from Regional Consortia • Christine Bean (APHL)
Courier Driver Training Requirements, Safe Handling/Biosafety Concerns • Alex Boekholt (STAT Courier)
Specimen Transport Conditions and Traceability • Alex Boekholt (STAT Courier)
Efficiency Models of Courier Systems to Reduce Costs • Adam Perkins (MO SPHL) and Pam Higgins (PA DEP Bureau of Laboratories)
Funding Strategy Exercise • All

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

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