

For Environmental Laboratories and Human and Animal Food Laboratories



The APHL Annual Conference, a trademark event for the public health laboratory community, brings together leaders, scientists, influencers and partners to share issues, trends and best practices driving laboratory science and public health today.

APHL 2026 provides a great opportunity for scientists from environmental laboratories and human and animal food laboratories to:

- Learn more about laboratory issues and emerging technologies related to food safety, regulatory science, radiochemistry, environmental health, food chemistry, emergency preparedness and more.
- Contribute to dialogue on hot topics such as *C. botulinum* in infant formula, wastewater surveillance, biosurveillance, raw milk regulations, *Cronobacter* and funding challenges.
- Network with laboratory directors, managers and scientists from federal, state, county and city public health, chemical, environmental and agricultural laboratories, along with a new cohort of APHL–CDC fellows.

Regulatory Science Session Track

The Regulatory Science Track brings specific content relevant to scientists and their partners who improve public health and safety by generating defensible data that informs regulatory decision making. Sessions include:

- Celebrating 75 years of the Emergence and Importance of Environmental Laboratory Testing
- Contamination Chronicles 3.0
- Got Raw Milk? Navigating Challenges in Raw Dairy Product Regulation
- Lessons of an Unexpected Crisis: A State and Federal Panel Discusses Infant Botulism Linked to Powdered Infant Formula
- Drugs, Data, Demographics: Combating Nonfatal Overdoses with a National Overdose Biosurveillance System
- Building Human Biomonitoring Programs for Empowerment and Impact
- Navigating CIDT False Positives: A Tale of Two Laboratories
- Prevalence of *Cronobacter sakazakii* in Infant Formula and Innovative Mitigation Strategies
- Think Like a Regulator: Using the QSE Crosswalk to Stay Ahead
- Digital by Design: Smarter Quality Systems for Public Health Laboratories

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Baltimore, MD

APHLTM 2026

where laboratory science and public health meet



Attendee Benefits

- 40+ sessions • 70+ exhibitors • 200+ posters
- Networking opportunities and events
- P.A.C.E.[®] and CPH continuing education credits
- Prize raffle and other special giveaways
- Seeing friends and colleagues
- Optional laboratory tours

Opening Keynote: Dr. Katherine Kelley Distinguished Lecture

Featuring Joshua Sharfstein, MD, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Former health commissioner of Baltimore, Principal Deputy, Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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