

## AZVDL COVID-19 Operations

The AZVDL is OPEN, but with modified sample submission and receiving procedures aimed at protecting our clients and staff, and limiting potential disease spread. All samples should be placed in the specimen drop-off refrigerator located on the north side of the laboratory building. Access to this drop-off site is available daily from 8am-8pm. Please follow directional signs when you arrive at the laboratory. Foot traffic into the laboratory will be restricted to employees only.

During this period of modified operations, our pathologists are not regularly on site at the laboratory. We are encouraging clinicians, if at all possible, to consider performing in-house or field necropsies, and submit only the formalin-fixed tissues for histopathology (+/- fresh tissues for culture or toxicology, as needed). Digital images of any and all gross lesions are also encouraged. One of our pathologists is available via the laboratory on-call phone (520-909-2324) 7 days a week to consult on necropsy cases and provide guidance on gross necropsy procedures.

If performance of a full necropsy by a pathologist is needed (i.e. potential litigation cases, peri-anesthetic death, herd or public health concern, etc), we will be happy to take these on a case by case basis. We do ask that if you will be dropping a body off for full necropsy, to please call the doctor on-call first (520-909-2324) so that they are aware.

Similarly, please contact the laboratory as soon as possible in advance of dropping off large surgical biopsy specimens for histopathology (i.e. limb amputations, splenectomies, etc), so that a pathologist can be available to process these samples in a timely manner. Thank you for your support and patience during this time.