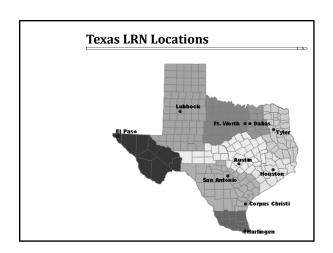
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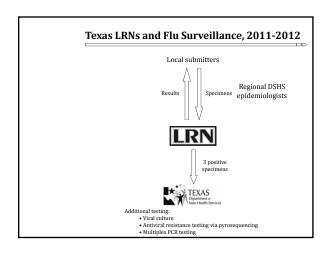
- The LRN was established in 1999 by the Department of Health and **Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC), in response to Presidential Decision Directive 39.
- National network of local and state public health, federal, military, and international laboratories that provide laboratory diagnostics and maintain the capacity to respond to biological and chemical threats and other public health emergencies.
- The LRN-B laboratories are categorized as either national, $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1$ reference or sentinel laboratories based on their respective testing capabilities.

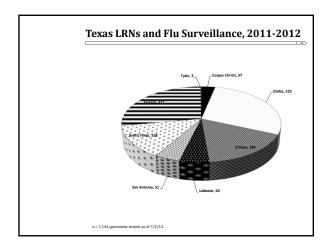
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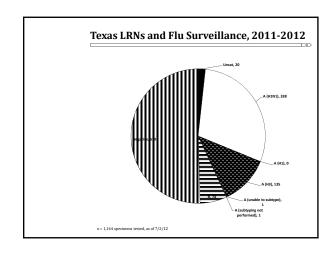


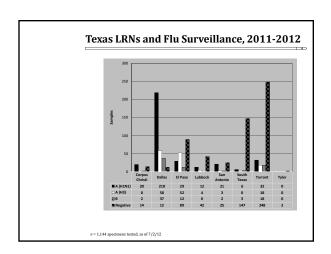
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- Texas LRN laboratories participated in flu pilot project for 2008-2009 season
- Played integral role in 2009 H1N1 surge response
- Continued participation in the DSHS influenza surveillance program during the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 flu seasons
- LRNs provide (free) local access to molecular testing of specimens (i.e., real time RT-PCR assay)
 - Virus typing and subtyping
 - 2-5 business day turnaround









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