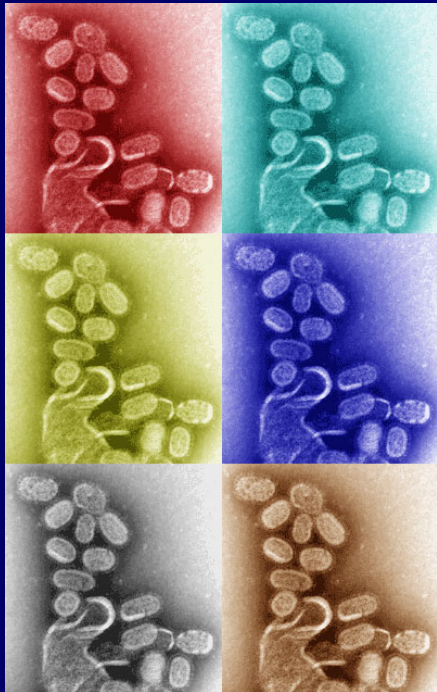


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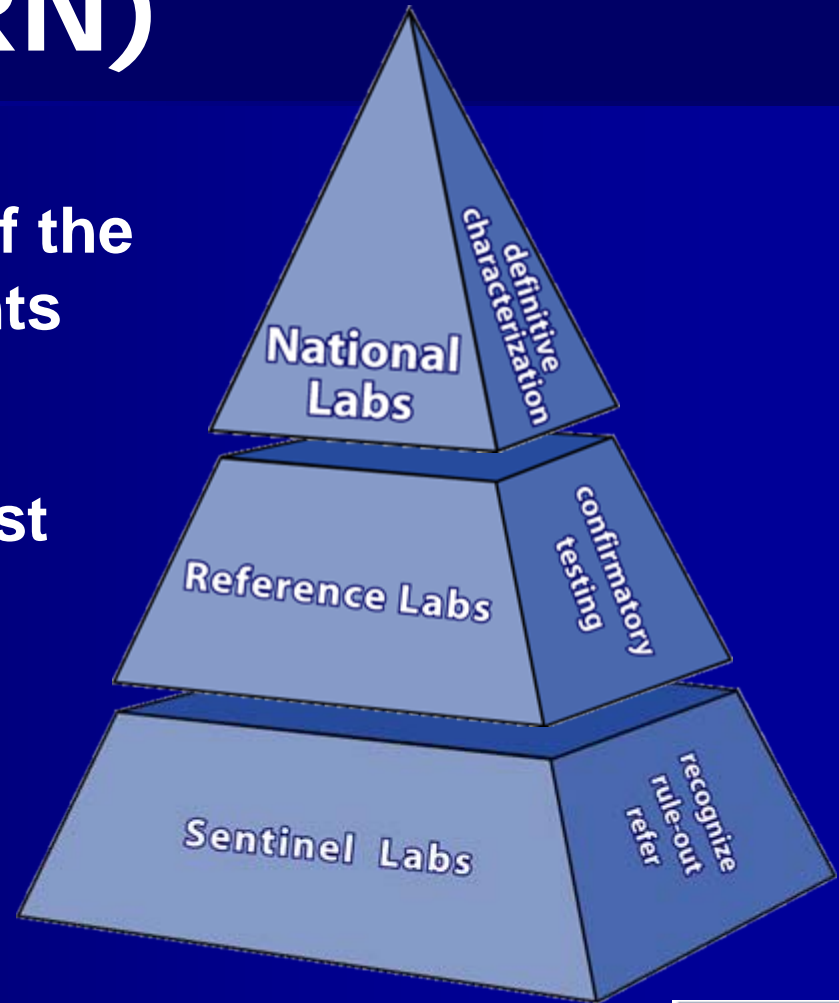
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**Definitive characterization of the most deadly infectious agents**

**Confirmatory testing for most select agents**

**Rule-out testing and referral of specimens**



# Texas LRN Locations



# LRN Flu Pilot = Statewide Surge for H1N1

- LRN laboratories around Texas participated in flu pilot project for 2008-2009 season
- Played integral role in 2009 H1N1 response

# Texas LRN Influenza Testing 2010-2011

- Nine TxLRNs will perform seasonal surveillance testing
- Flu A, Flu B, H1, H3, 2009 H1N1
- Testing for seasonal surveillance performed free of charge

# Specimen Shipping

- Ship to LRN for receipt on Monday through Friday (Corpus Christi M-Th)
- Specimens will not be accepted on weekends or holidays

# LRN Contact Information

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# Questions?



I'm leaving early to get my flu shot.

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