

## CAPHLD CCLHO Update 2/2/2023

Public Health Microbiologist (PHM) training starts Monday Feb 6, 2023 and runs through the beginning of August 2023. The curriculum contains 21 units on various laboratory infectious disease topics with didactic and lab training; and meets the California requirements for 6 months of training.

There are 59 trainees this year!

40 from local labs

19 from CDPH; 6 full time and 13 part time

48 or 49 of the trainees should be completing their training by 8/4/2023 this year

Certification exam scheduled for 9/8/23

The AB 178/179 HERO funding should be sufficient to support a large portion of this year's training cycle; although budget decisions are still being made at CDPH .

There is some difficulty recruiting qualified trainers and the issue with HERO funding affecting our ability to potentially hire new trainers/retain current trainers as well as hindering our ability to purchase much needed supplies/equipment.

There are 9 Lab Aspire applications that also will be funded by HERO. LabAspire is the program that trains and qualifies future Public Health Lab Directors.

CAPHLD's Spring meeting is in planning and scheduled for April 27, 2023. More details to follow.