

# Frequently Asked Questions

Salmonella Dublin Investigation and Management Project (SDIMP)



## What does the program involve?

- The *Salmonella Dublin* Investigation and Management Program (SDIMP) aims to understand how *S. Dublin* is spread within and among farms. This information will be used to develop resources to **help dairy producers and veterinarians to prevent and address *S. Dublin***.
- The program includes **screening bulk milk samples from all BC dairy farms** for *S. Dublin* antibodies as well as providing **free and discounted laboratory testing**. See [www.sdublinbc.ca](http://www.sdublinbc.ca) for details.

## How do I access my bulk milk results?

- You will be sent a **confidential program ID** by email. You can use that ID to look up your results on the website.
- Veterinarians will also be provided with a confidential program ID and you have the option to request that your veterinarian's ID be linked to your program ID so that they can access results on your behalf.

## Who has access to my results and personal information?

- The SDIMP is managed by the Animal Health Centre laboratory, which operates under the strictest privacy protection protocols in BC.
- **At no time will any identifying information be shared or published** (e.g., farm name, location IRMA number, etc.).
- Only Drs. Himsworth, Leung, and Boyd will have access to individual test results. **Results will not be shared with the BC Milk Marketing Board, the BC Dairy Association, or any other individual or agency.**

## What happens if my herd tests positive?

- **There are NO regulatory consequences for a positive test result.** It is important to note that the mandate of the Animal Health Centre is help producers maximize animal health, productivity and profitability. We are distinct from the Ministry of Agriculture Regulatory Unit/Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer and at no time will individual test results be shared with that Unit.
- **You are completely free to act upon test results however you see fit.** We will do everything we can to provide the resources you need to interpret and respond to test results.