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## **General Comment**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Epidemiology supports the collection of laboratory testing results and alerts by CDC as per the mechanisms described in the proposed data collection notice CDC-2019-0048. Collection of AR Laboratory Network data by CDC is not necessary for the local public health response and containment efforts, as we are able to coordinate efforts internally; however, guidance provided by CDC on how to conduct local response is dependent on CDC access to, and analysis of, these data. We rely on CDCs ability to analyze the nation-wide data from ARLN testing to describe regional and national epidemiology with respect to novel and high-concern organisms. Coordinated and effective containment response is optimized through CDCs analysis as described in the notice.