

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**A public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, on August 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA, to take public testimony regarding new fees for the tests administered by the Public Health Laboratory of the Public Health Department:**

**Public Health Laboratory Testing and Examinations (Business and Professions Code SS 1206 and Health and Safety Code, chapter 7)**

The subject fees are being formally approved for validated laboratory tests that are performed in accordance with state and federal regulations by the Board of Supervisors. Tests are conducted by personnel who meet clinical laboratory personnel requirements and with methods that meet specimen requirements. The proposed fees are for a newly validated polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for *Bordetella pertussis* and any other diseases that are tested through the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing method. The fee is based on the actual cost of performing the test with consideration of the reimbursement allowed under federal third party payers, such as Medicare, and what is charged by other private laboratories. The Public Health Department is requesting to charge at a lower rate than the actual cost of performing the test in order to encourage the use of this testing for the protection of the community. The public hearing to be held on August 10, 2010 is for the purpose of considering all objections or protests to the adoption of the fee schedule.

Copies of the fee proposal are available on the Public Health Department website, [www.sbcphd.org/](http://www.sbcphd.org/) and at the following locations:

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Public Health Laboratory  
315 Camino del Remedio  
Santa Barbara CA 93110