



Folkhälsomyndigheten

Invitation to the inauguration of newly renovated high-containment laboratories at Public Health Agency of Sweden

Public Health Agency of Sweden is pleased to announce the reopening of our newly renovated Biosafety Level 3 and 4 laboratories in Solna this autumn. In connection with this milestone, we cordially invite you to an inauguration ceremony to mark the occasion.

Since their inauguration over 20 years ago, these high-containment laboratories have operated around the clock as a national preparedness resource for serious microbiological events. The October inauguration offers a unique insight into the highly specialised work conducted within these facilities.

Time and place



Date: **October 24, 2025**



Time: 09.00 – 12.30: Presentations and lunch
12.30 – 14.00: Inauguration ceremony and site visit to the facilities



Place: Public Health Agency of Sweden, Nobels väg 18 in Solna.

Registration

Please register to part of or whole day using the link below.

<https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/inaug2025>

The presentations are given in English, while the inauguration ceremony after lunch will be in Swedish.

Last day for registration is **October 7**. If you have any questions or need to withdraw your registration, please contact Public Health Agency of Sweden at invigning2025@folkhalsomyndigheten.se

Warmly welcome to the inauguration of the high-containment laboratories at Public Health Agency of Sweden!

Best regards,
Olivia Wigzell

Director General, Public Health Agency of Sweden

Program for the day

Time	Activity	Location
08.30 – 09.00	Registration at PHAS	Reception at PHAS
09.00 – 09.10	Welcome <i>Sara Byfors, Head of Department for Microbiology, Public Health Agency of Sweden (PHAS)</i>	Gard auditorium
09.10 – 09.40	High-containment laboratories – A national preparedness resource for high-consequence pathogen diagnostics <i>Johan Aarum, Head of Unit for Diagnostic Preparedness of Notifiable and High Consequence Pathogens, PHAS</i>	Gard auditorium
09.40 – 10.00	From patient to test result – The journey of a sample <i>Ryan Terrey and Jenny Verner-Carlsson, Unit for Diagnostic Preparedness of Notifiable and High Consequence Pathogens, PHAS</i>	Gard auditorium
10.00 – 10.20	Break	Foajén, Gard auditorium
10.20 – 10.40	Mpox: Exemplifying the laboratory's role in public health <i>Klara Sondén, Deputy State Epidemiologist</i> <i>Sofia Appelberg, Analyst, Unit for Diagnostic Preparedness of Notifiable and High Consequence Pathogens, PHAS</i>	Gard auditorium
10.40 – 11.00	Research and diagnostics in a space suit – Working at the highest containment level <i>Elizabeth Elder, Vanessa Monteil, Analysts, Unit for Diagnostic Preparedness of Notifiable and High Consequence Pathogens, PHAS</i> <i>Sándor Bereczky, Analyst, Unit for Biopreparedness, PHAS</i>	Gard auditorium
11.00 – 11.15	Introduction to the activities rest of the day <i>Sara Byfors, Head of Department for Microbiology, PHAS</i>	Gard auditorium
11.15 – 12.30	Lunch	Foajén, Gard auditorium
11.15 – 12.30	Registration for newly arrived attendees	Reception at PHAS
12.30 – 12.35	Welcome (in Swedish) <i>Olivia Wigzell, Director General, Public Health Agency of Sweden</i>	Virushuset
12.35	Inauguration ceremony (in Swedish) <i>Jakob Forssmed, Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health</i>	Virushuset
13.10 – 14.00	Site visit to the high-containment laboratories	Laboratories