# **2022 Guide to VLAP Biologist Visits**

This guide will provide you with the basic information necessary to participate in an in-person biologist visit.

## **BIOLOGIST AVAILABILITY**

Three biologists are available to conduct in-person visits according to Table 1 below. The VLAP Coordinator can alter availability at any time during the season for various reasons. In the event a change is necessary, you will be notified immediately.

## Table 1. 2022 VLAP Biologist Availability

All biologist visits will be schedule between 9:00 and 11:00am unless otherwise approved by VLAP Coordinator. Special requests for visits outside of these time frames can be sent to Sara Steiner for approval.

Date Range	Biologist 1	Biologist 2	Biologist 3
May 16th - June 3rd	Tu/Th/Fri		
June 6th - 17th	Mon/Tu/Wed/Th		
June 20th - Aug. 19th	Mon/Tu/Wed/Th	Tu/Wed/Th/Fri	Tu/Wed/Th
Aug. 22nd - Sept. 16th	Mon/Tu/Wed/Th	Tu/Wed/Th	
Sept. 19th - 23rd	Tu/Wed/Th		

### **SCHEDULING**

You can schedule your biologist visit through the <u>Picktime</u> scheduling software. Please refer to the Picktime User Guide 2022 for instructions. The VLAP Coordinator will confirm your appointment, or if necessary, will request to re-schedule your appointment.

#### **COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

Your willingness to participate in a biologist visit means you accept any potential risk associated with the COVID-19 virus. If you are not comfortable with an in-person visit, consider the virtual biologist visit option and review the Guide to VLAP Virtual Biologist Visit. Please review the following prior to scheduling your biologist visit. If you are not feeling well before or during your visit, please alert the VLAP biologist immediately. The biologist can determine whether you will need to stop sampling and re-schedule your visit.

- VLAP will follow most current recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) based upon community level transmission rates. Face coverings will be worn if requested by any volunteer/biologist during the visit.
- The biologist will do their best to social distance, however there may be periods when this is not possible. You accept any risk associated with being near the biologist.
- ❖ Volunteers are not allowed in state vehicles when traveling by road to tributary sample stations. Volunteers must provide their own transportation if by car.