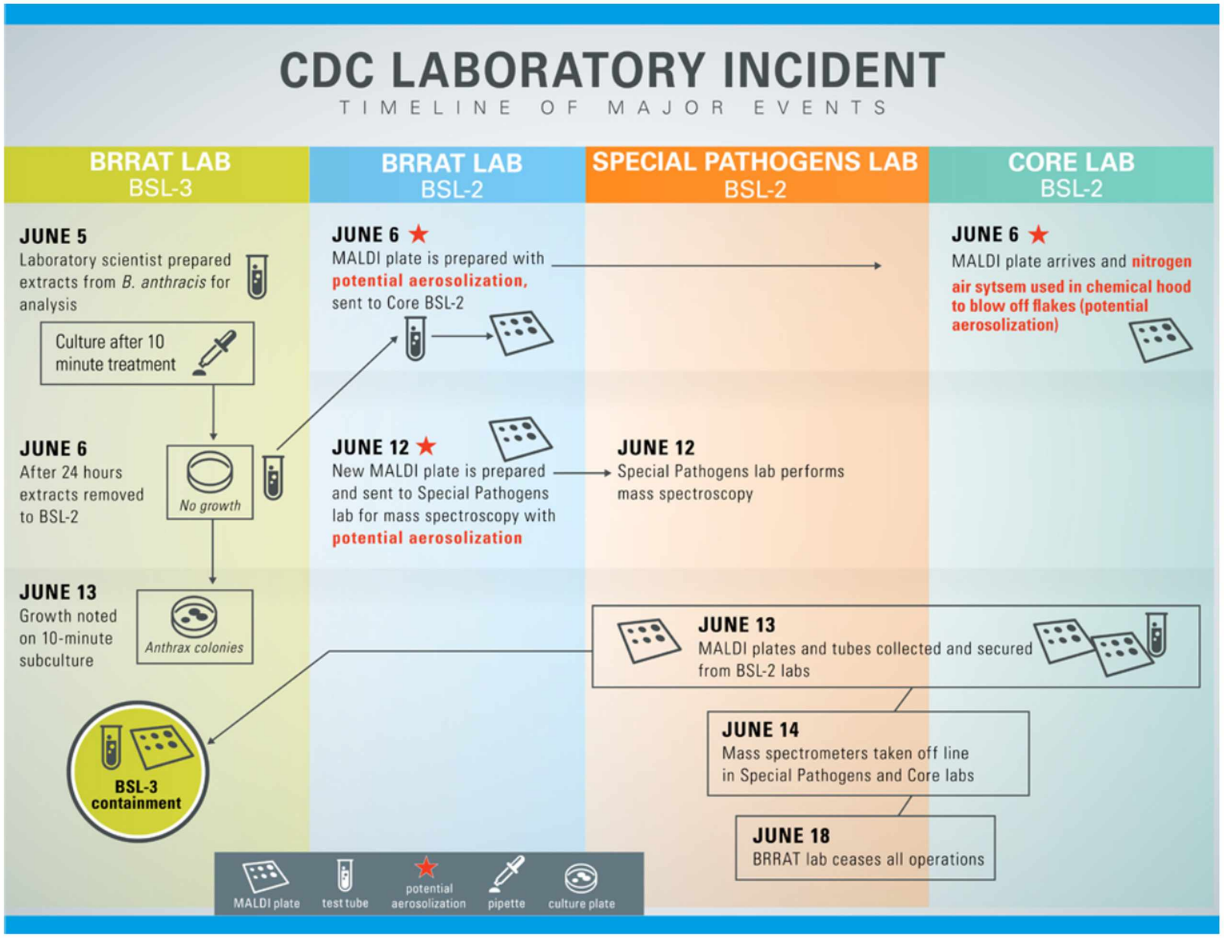
CDC LABORATORY INCIDENT
TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS
BRRAT LAB BSL-3
BRRAT LAB BSL-2
SPECIAL PATHOGENS LAB BSL-2
CORE LAB BSL-2
JUNE 5
Laboratory scientist prepared extracts from B. anthracis for analysis
Culture after 10 minute treatment
JUNE 6
After 24 hours extracts removed to BSL-2
No growth
JUNE 13
Growth noted on 10-minute subculture
Anthrax colonies
BSL-3 containment
JUNE 6
MALDI plate is prepared with potential aerosolization, sent to Core BSL-2
JUNE 12
New MALDI plate is prepared and sent to Special Pathogens lab for mass spectroscopy with potential aerosolization
JUNE 12
Special Pathogens lab performs mass spectroscopy
JUNE 6
MALDI plate arrives and nitrogen air sytsem used in chemical hood to blow off flakes (potential aerosolization)
JUNE 13
MALDI plates and tubes collected and secured from BSL-2 labs
JUNE 14
Mass spectrometers taken off line in Special Pathogens and Core labs
JUNE 18
BRRAT lab ceases all operations
MALDI plate
test tube
potential aerosolization
pipette
culture plate