

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS
Form 8-K
December 05, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 1, 2005
(Date of earliest event reported)

**LABORATORY CORPORATION OF
AMERICA HOLDINGS**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

1-11353

13-3757370

(State or other jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S.
Employer
Identification
No.)

**358 SOUTH MAIN STREET,
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA**

27215

336-229-1127

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip
Code)

(Registrant's telephone number including area
code)

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ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 1, 2005 ViroMed Laboratories, Inc., a subsidiary of Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) (NYSE: LH) and a national leader in virology testing, today announced the availability of a real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for the typing of influenza A strains, including the avian flu H5N1 strain. In addition to the influenza A typing assay, a real-time PCR test for three common respiratory pathogens, influenza A, influenza B and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), is now offered. Both tests can be performed directly on respiratory samples or on culture viral isolates.

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 1, 2005

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings
(Registrant)

Date: December 5, 2005

By: /s/Bradford T. Smith
Bradford T. Smith, Executive Vice
President
and Secretary