

**To obtain a Specimen  
Collection Kit contact:  
WAPHL Mailroom  
206-418-5579**

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# Diphtheria

## Specimen Collection Kit



Diphtheria

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## Shipping to the Public Health Laboratories

### Instructions:

Submit slants to include both nose and throat. For cutaneous diphtheria, collect skin, throat, and nose specimens.

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Streak surface of the media with swab provided. Break off that portion of the swab that was handled leaving the remainder in the tube.

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Do not use beyond the expiration date of 6 months.

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Package and label according to the Department of Transportation regulations for Diagnostic Specimens.

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Place completed shipping container into the LabPak bag for USPS mailing purposes and ship at ambient temperature to the WAPHL as soon as possible.



### Items provided in each Collection kit:

- 1 Shipping container<sup>4</sup>
- 2 dacron swabs<sup>2</sup>
- 2 Pai media slants<sup>1</sup>
- 1 Lab Pak bag<sup>5</sup>
- 2 lab forms<sup>3</sup>

### Transport Packages to:

Washington Public Health  
Laboratories  
Attention: Reference  
Bacteriology  
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