### Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

#### R/O Yersinia enterocolitica (Version 1)

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| Stool         | Collect as determined by CDE or LHJ | One specimen | Collect stool or swab of stool into commercial swab transport device or enteric transport medium. (such as Cary-Blair Transport Medium). | Commercial swab transport device or enteric transport medium (such as Cary-Blair Transport Medium) | • **Transport device:** Sterile leak-proof container.  
• **Rejection Criteria:**  
  - Fresh stool not in enteric transport medium.  
  - Specimens not received within 72 hours.  
  - Enteric transport tube that is filled above the maximum specimen line.  
  - Transport devices that are expired or for which the indicator has changed colors.  
  - Specimens submitted in a parasitology transport media.  
  - Duplicate specimens (specimens from the same patient and same source submitted on same collection day).  
  - Leaking specimens.  
  - Please see General Rejection Criteria on page 2.  
• **Transport:** Room temperature within 24 hours of collection. If refrigerated, ship on cold packs.  
  Ship as Category B.  
• **Storage:** If transport is delayed > 24 hours, keep refrigerated at 4°C, and ship on cold packs. |
| Rectal Swab   | (Please see Comments on page 2) | | | |

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General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:
Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient's county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.
- Reason for testing at WAPHL.

Collection kit availability

- Stool: Available.
- Rectal swab: Not available.

Comments

- It is not necessary to obtain negative stool cultures before returning to work or child care as long as diarrhea has resolved and the individual is otherwise well.
- Rectal swabs: Rectal swabs are less sensitive than stool specimens and are not recommended in adults. Please contact CDE for exceptions and special arrangements.

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