### Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

**Shigella confirmation (Version 1)**

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| Isolate       | NA             | NA                   | NA                    | Growth media (HIA, BHI or blood agar) | **Transport device:** Screw-cap tube. **Rejection Criteria:**
  - Duplicate specimens (specimens from the same patient and same source submitted on same collection day).
  - Broken transport device.
  - Leaking specimen. **Transport:** Ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs.
  - Ship as Category B (except for *Shigella dysenteriae* type I, please ship as Category A). **Storage:** Store at 4 – 8°C. |

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable**  **All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.**  **NA: Not Applicable**  **Last Revised: March 2015**
General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

• 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

Not available

Comments

• All media should have parafilm or tape around the cap to insure that the specimen does not leak.