## Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

**Bacillus cereus (Environmental) (Version 1)**

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| **Food**      | ASAP            | NA                   | • If possible send in original packaging or container.  
• Sterile/Aseptic technique is necessary for handling and packaging food items.  
• Items must be individually bagged in sterile, leak-proof containers.  
• Amount: 50-100 grams (1.7-3.5 ounces) of specimen is required. | NA | • **Transport device:** Sterile, leak-proof bag or container.  
• **Rejection Criteria:**  
  o Testing not approved by CDE.  
  o Leaking or inappropriately packaged specimen.  
  o Improper storage or shipping conditions.  
• **Transport:** See storage requirements.  
• **Storage:** Keep refrigerated foods at 0°-4°C. Frozen foods should be kept frozen.  
  Dry/canned goods may be stored at room temperature. |
| **Stool**     | At onset or ASAP | NA                   | • Sterile/Aseptic technique is necessary for handling and packaging stool.  
• Do not use transport media or add any preservatives.  
• Amount: minimum of 50 grams raw stool (about walnut size). | NA | • **Transport device:** Sterile screw top container.  
• **Rejection Criteria:**  
  o Testing not approved by CDE.  
  o Leaking or inappropriately packaged specimen.  
  o Improper storage or shipping conditions.  
• **Transport:** Cold (Not frozen).  
  Ship as Category B.  
• **Storage:** Refrigerate, must arrive at lab within 24 hours from collection. |

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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**

Not available.

**Comments**

- Results are quantitative, therefore adherence to specimen handling requirements are essential.
- If necessary, please contact laboratory before collection or shipping for additional assistance.

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