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| Food / Shellfish| 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.  
• Shellfish should be double bagged and placed in a leak-proof container.  
• Amount:  
  o Food: 50-100 grams (1.7-3.5 ounces) of specimen is required.  
  o Shellfish: At least 12 animals required; 200 gram minimum.  | NA              | • Transport device: Sterile, leak-proof 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. Shellfish must be received between 0°-10°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)

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

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments

- If necessary, please contact laboratory before collection or shipping for additional assistance.