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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. |
| Environmental Swab     | NA              | NA                   | • Sterile/Aseptic technique is necessary for handling and packaging swabs.  
• Swabs must be individually bagged in sterile, leak-proof containers. | 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).  
• Storage: Refrigerate. |
**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.
- For Environmental Swabs, commercial swab/sponge collection kits may be acceptable. Please call lab before collection to verify.

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  **All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  NA: Not Applicable*  

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