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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Food	NA	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If possible send in original packaging or container.</li> <li>• Items must be individually bagged in sterile, leak-proof containers.</li> <li>• Amount: 100 grams (4 ounces) of specimen is required.</li> </ul>	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport device:</b> Sterile, leak-proof container.</li> <li>• <b>Rejection Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leaking or inappropriately packaged specimen.</li> <li>○ Improper storage or shipping conditions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Transport:</b> See storage requirements.</li> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> Keep refrigerated foods at 0°-4°C. Frozen foods should be kept frozen. Dry/canned goods may be stored at room temperature.</li> </ul>

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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.

## **Collection kit availability**

Not available.

## **Comments**

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