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| Blood         | As soon as possible upon suspicion of disease | NA | • Collect at least 4 mL of blood in a red top or red-gray top tube.  
• Minimum serum volume: 1 ml. | NA | • Transport device: Red top or red-gray top tube.  
• Transport: Refrigerate and ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs to arrive at WAPHL during business hours within one week of collection. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice. 
Shipping as Category B.  
• Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C up to one week after collection. For long-term storage, freeze at -20°C.  
• Rejection Criteria:  
  o Missing requisition form.  
  o No submitter information on form.  
  o Specimen is excessively hemolyzed or lipemic.  
  o Missing collection date.  
  o Missing onset date.  
  o Please see general rejection criteria on page 2. |
| Serum*        | NA              | NA                  | NA                    | NA             | NA                          |
General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Not refrigerated or frozen properly.
- Insufficient specimen volume.
- Leaky specimen.
- Did not obtain LHJ approval.
- 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, second identifier, and date of onset.
- 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.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments