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| Blood         | 3 days or greater after onset of symptoms | NA                   | **Collect at least 4 mL of blood in a red top or red-gray top tube.**<br>**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.  
Ship 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:**<br>  * Specimen collected too early (before rash onset).<br>  * Missing requisition form.<br>  * No submitter information on form.<br>  * Specimen is excessively hemolyzed or lipemic.<br>  * Missing collection date.<br>  * Missing rash onset date.<br>  * Missing immunization status of patient.<br>  * Please see general rejection criteria on page 2. |
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**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**