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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.  
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:**  
  • Specimen collected too early (before rash onset).  
  • Missing requisition form.  
  • No submitter information on form.  
  • Specimen is excessively hemolyzed or lipemic.  
  • Missing collection date.  
  • Missing rash onset date.  
  • Missing immunization status of patient.  
  • Please see general rejection criteria on page 2. |
| Serum*        | NA              | NA                   | NA                    | NA              |                           |

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