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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:  
  o Specimen collected too early (before rash onset).  
  o Missing requisition form.  
  o No submitter information on form.  
  o Specimen is excessively hemolyzed or lipemic.  
  o Missing collection date.  
  o Missing rash onset date.  
  o Missing immunization status of patient.  
  o 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

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  **All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  NA: Not Applicable  Last Revised: March 2015