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| Stool         | At illness.     | NA                   | • Collect stool in a sterile plastic screw top container with no preservatives (such as a urine specimen container).  
• Seal the container with parafilm (if available) and individually bag each specimen.  
• **Minimum volume**: walnut-sized (or at least 2 grams of fresh stool). | NA | • **Transport device**: Sterile screw top container.  
• **Rejection Criteria**:  
  o Leaky specimen.  
  o Not enough volume.  
  o Inappropriate method for collecting Norovirus specimens, i.e. sample size too small, stool placed in transport media.  
  o Inappropriate container. Specimens that are not individually bagged will not be tested.  
  o Inappropriate storage conditions.  
  o Please see general rejection criteria on page 2.  
• **Transport**: Immediately refrigerate specimens at 2-8°C. Ship by overnight mail with ice packs.  
  Ship as Category B.  
• **Storage**: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. |

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General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

• 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

• Testing requires approval by the state communicable disease epidemiology through your Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ).

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