# Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

## Legionella Identification (Version 1)

**Specimen Type**  | **Collection Time** | **Collection Frequency** | **Collection Procedures** | **Transport Media** | **Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
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Bacterial isolate | NA | NA | NA | BCYE or other selective Legionella media | • *Transport device:* Plate or slant, as appropriate.  
*Rejection Criteria:*  
  - Mixed culture.  
  - Non-viable specimen.  
  - Broken transport device.  
  - Leaking specimen.  
*Transport:* Ship at ambient temperature.  
Ship as Category B.  
*Storage:* Store at ambient temperature.  

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  **All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  NA: Not Applicable  Last Revised: March 2015*
General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- 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, and second identifier.
- 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.
- Reason for testing at WAPHL.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments