## Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

### Bordetella pertussis Confirmation (Version 1)

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| \textit{B. pertussis} Isolate | NA | NA | NA | Regan Lowe transport media, Charcoal slant or Amies with charcoal | **Transport device:** Screw-cap tube or agar plate (seal with parafilm).  
**Rejection Criteria:**  
- Fungal contamination.  
- Nonviable organism.  
- Inappropriate transport media.  
- Expired media.  
- 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

Available. Please contact your Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ).

Comments

Please ensure visible growth by incubating for 2 days prior to submitting.