

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* Identification (Version 2)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Isolate	NA	NA	NA	Choc slant, HIA or BHI slant or Amies with charcoal transport media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transport device: Ship ASAP. If possible, incubate slants before shipping. ● Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mixed culture. ○ Non-viable specimen. ○ Broken transport device. ○ Leaking specimen. ● Transport: Ship ASAP. If possible, incubate slants before shipping. Ship as Category B. ● Storage: Room temperature

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 (i.e., which of the above criteria are met by the patient).

Collection kit availability

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

Comments