

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)*
Rectal Swab	NA	NA	<p>Follow instructions included with the collection kit.</p> <p>Patient swabs should be mailed immediately following collection.</p> <p>Avoid shipping Fridays.</p> <p>Copan dual swabs are viable for testing <5 days after patient collection.</p> <p>Stool specimens may be considered on a case by case basis; Contact HAI coordinator for additional information.</p>	Copan Liquid Stuart Transystem	<p>Transport device: Provided in collection kit.</p> <p>Rejection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using media not provided with collection kit. ○ No approval from LHJ and/or DOH Communicable Disease Epidemiology (CDE). ○ Broken transport device. ○ Unacceptable amount of sample on swabs. ○ Specimens received at testing laboratory collected >5 days prior. ○ Requisition form/isolate discrepancies. <p>Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B.</p> <p>Storage: Store at ambient temperature.</p>

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 the Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) of the patient's county of residence.

Comments

Preapproval required from Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) and/or DOH Communicable Disease Epidemiology (CDE) before submitting.

Additional patient sampling sites may be considered upon request. (Wound, tracheal, and skin)