

SPECIMEN TRANSPORT AND STORAGE GUIDELINES

TEST NAME	TEST CODE	COLLECTION DEVICE (S)	TEMPERATURE	MAXIMUM TIME TO RECEIPT
Urine Culture	LAB239	Sterile-Screw Cap Cup	Refrigerate (2-8 °C)	24 hours
		Gray Tube (BD Vacutainer)	Refrigerate (2-8 °C)	72 hours
<i>Clostridium difficile Toxin B, PCR</i>	LAB1043	Clean PlasticScrew- cap Container	Refrigerate	24 hours
			Freeze	>24 HOURS
			Transport on Ice	
			During Specimen Transit	
Cryptosporidium smear	LAB3399	10% Formalin	Room Temperature	7 days
Enteric Pathogens Panel	LAB3251	Cary- Blair	Room Temperature	4 days
OVA Parsites	LAB258	Para-pak	Room Temperature	3 days
Giardia EIA	LAB259	Para-pak	Room Temperature	7 days
Worm ID	LAB247	10% Formalin	Room Temperature	7 days
Arthropod ID	LAB1039	10 % Formalin	Room Temperature	7 days
Lactoferrin Stool, Antigen	LAB3194	Screw-cap container	Room Temperature	24 hours
H. pylori antigen	LAB397	Screw-cap container	Refrigerator	24 hours
Ear Culture	LAB1010	**ESWAB	Room Temperature	8 hours
Eye Culture	LAB1828	**ESWAB	Room Temperature	8 hours
Genital Culture	LAB1013	**ESWAB	Room Temperature	8 hours
Nasopharyngeal Culture	LAB229	**ESWAB	Room Temperature	8 hours
Strep Screen Culture	LAB236	**ESWAB	Room Temperature	8 hours
Aerobic Wound Culture	LAB1826	**ESWAB	Room Temperature	8 hours
Anaerpbic Wound Culture	LAB1821	**ESWAB	Room Temperature	8 hours
AFB Culture	LAB2238	Sputum, BAL,	Room Temperature	24 hours
		tissue	Room Temperature	8 hours
		Biopsy	Room Temperature	8 hours
AFB Culture, Blood	LAB246	10ml Isolator Tube	Room Temperature	24 hours
Fungus Culture	LAB1012	Other	Room Temperature	24 hours
Fungus Culture	LAB1019	Hair, Skin and Nails	Room Temperature	24 hours
Respiratory (SPUTUM) Culture	LAB1829	Sputum Collection Device	Room Temperature	8 hours
Bacterial Vaginosis Screen (BASC)	LAB2248	Affirm Transport Kit	Room Temperature	72 hours
Human Papilomavirus	LAB3016	ThinPrep	Room Temperature	30 days
Chlamydia/GC, NAAT	LAB5126	COBAS swab Transport System	Room Temperature	7 days

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	LAB2308	Urine, (Dirty) non transport	Room Temperature	24 hrs
Herpes Simplex 1/2 Lesions by PCR	LAB1763	MSWAB	Refrigerator	7 days
MRSA PCR Out Patient, Nasal	LAB3020	MSWAB	Room Temperature	7 days
Strep Group A, Throat Rapid by PCR	LAB1925	**ESWAB	Room Temperature	7 days
SARSS COVID-19, PCR	LAB5118	3ml UTM	Refrigerator	24 hours
RSV, PCR	LAB1050	3ml UTM	Refrigerator	8 hours
Influenza A/B	LAB1051	3ml UTM	Refrigerator	8 hours
HIVS	LAB2325	SERUM	Room Temperature	1 hour
MONOSPOT	LAB1688	SERUM	Refrigerator	7 days
ANA	LAB147	SERUM	Refrigerator	7 days
Rubeola Ab, IgG	LAB1566	SERUM	Refrigerator	7 days
Mumps Ab, IgG	LAB160	SERUM	Refrigerator	7 days
Varicella Ab, IgG	LAB162	SERUM	Refrigerator	7 days
Legionella Urinary Antigen	LAB1029	Urine, Urine in Preservative	Refrigerator	7 days
Streptococcus pneumoniae Urinary Antigen	LAB1025	Urine,Urine in Preservative	Refrigerator	7 days
Blood Parasites	LAB1886	ETDA Tube/ Lavender	Room Temperature	1 hour
Pinworm	LAB248	Pinworm collection kit	Room Temperature	24 hours
Wetprep	LAB252	Saline	Room Temperature	1 hour
<p>**ESWAB Collection are different depending on specimen sources, refer to Microbiology Collection Chart for more information</p>				

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