

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) Colonization Surveillance (Version 2) Page 1 of 2

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>	<p>Copan Liquid Stuart Transystem</p>	<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

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