

# Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

## Coccidioides Ab EIA

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling**
Serum	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adults and children:</b> Collect 1 tube (5-10 mL) whole blood in a serum separator tube. Serum separator tubes should be stored upright for at least 30 minutes, and then centrifuged at 1000–1300 relative centrifugal force (RCF) for 10 minutes before removing the serum and placing it in a separate sterile tube for shipping (such as a cryovial).</li> <li>• <b>Infants:</b> A minimum of 1 mL of whole blood is needed for testing pediatric patients. If possible, collect 1 mL in in a serum separator tube.</li> <li>• <b>Minimum volume:</b> 1mL of serum.</li> </ul>	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport Device:</b> sterile leak proof container such as cryovial.</li> <li>• <b>Transport:</b> Ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs to arrive at WAPHL within 5 days of collection. If previously frozen, ship on dry ice.</li> <li>• Ship Category B</li> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> Refrigerate at 2-8°C for up to 5 days. If stored longer, freeze at -2 °C to -80° C.</li> </ul>

**General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)**

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.
- Mixed cultures
- Nonviable organisms

**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**

Not available.

**Comments**