

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions R/O *Campylobacter* species (Version 1) Page 1 of 2

Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Stool	Collect as determined by CDE or LHJ	One specimen	Collect stool or swab of stool into commercial swab transport device or enteric transport medium (such as Cary-Blair Transport Medium).	Commercial swab transport device or enteric transport medium (such as Cary-Blair Transport Medium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Sterile leak-proof container. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fresh stool not in enteric transport medium. ○ Specimens not received within 72 hours. ○ Enteric transport tube that is filled above the maximum specimen line. ○ Transport devices that are expired or for which the indicator has changed colors. ○ Specimens submitted in a parasitology transport media. ○ Duplicate specimens (specimens from the same patient and same source submitted on same collection day). ○ Leaking specimens. ○ Please see General Rejection Criteria on page 2. • Transport: Room temperature within 24 hours of collection. If refrigerated, ship on cold packs. Ship as Category B. • Storage: If transport is delayed > 24 hours, keep refrigerated at 4°C, and ship on cold packs.
Rectal Swab (Please see Comments on page 2)					

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

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- 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

- Stool: Available.
- Rectal swab: Not available.

Comments

- Stool: It is not necessary to obtain negative stool cultures before returning to work or childcare as long as diarrhea has resolved and the individual is otherwise well.
- Rectal swabs: Rectal swabs are less sensitive than stool specimens and are not recommended in adults. Please contact CDE for exceptions and special arrangements.