

## Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

### Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) Screening Surveillance Culture

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Rectal Swab	NA	NA	Follow instructions included with the collection kit.	TSB broth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport device:</b> Provided in collection kit.</li> <li>• <b>Rejection Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Using media not provided with collection kit.</li> <li>○ No approval from LHJ and/or DOH Communicable Disease Epidemiology (CDE).</li> <li>○ Broken transport device.</li> <li>○ Leaking specimen.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Transport:</b> Ship on ice packs. Ship as Category B.</li> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> Store at 2-8°C before shipping.</li> </ul>

**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.