

# Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions *Legionella* Species Culture (Clinical) (Version 1) Page 1 of 2

Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
BAL or Bronchial Wash	NA	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronchial wash - collect at least 3mL in a sterile, screw capped container or tube.</li> <li>• Bronchoalveolar lavage – collect at least 50mL in a sterile, screw capped container or tube</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Due to the invasive procedure of the BAL, Volumes less than 50mL will still be processed</p>	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport device:</b> Sterile, screw-capped container, e.g. sealed BAL trap or sputum container.</li> <li>• <b>Rejection Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Insufficient sample volume (except BAL).</li> <li>○ Cracked or leaking specimen container.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Transport:</b> Ship frozen (-20°C) on dry ice or super cold packs. Protect from temperature extremes. Freeze respiratory specimens immediately after collection. Ship all specimens as Category B.</li> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> Store below -70°C.</li> </ul>
Sputum			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect at least 3mL in a sterile, screw capped container or tube.</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.

**Collection kit availability**

Not available.

**Comments**

None.