

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions *Bordetella pertussis* Confirmation (Version 1) Page 1 of 2

Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
<i>B. pertussis</i> Isolate	NA	NA	NA	Regan Lowe transport media, Charcoal slant or Amies with charcoal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Screw-cap tube or agar plate (seal with parafilm). • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fungal contamination. ○ Nonviable organism. ○ Inappropriate transport media. ○ Expired media. ○ Broken transport device. ○ Leaking specimen. • Transport: Ship at ambient temperature. Ship as Category B. • Storage: Store at ambient temperature.

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 your Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ).

Comments

Please ensure visible growth by incubating for 2 days prior to submitting.