

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Bordetella pertussis Culture (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Nasopharyngeal Swab	First 1-2 weeks of symptoms	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain swab from the posterior nasopharynx for culture. • See directions from collection kit for how to collect specimen. 	Charcoal slant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Charcoal slant. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fungal contamination. ○ Use of cotton swab. ○ Expired media. ○ Broken transport device. ○ Leaking specimen. • Transport: Ship cold (2 - 8°C) on ice packs. Ship as Category B. • Storage: Store at ambient temperature for culture swab.

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.