

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

Shigella confirmation (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Isolate	NA	NA	NA	Growth media (HIA, BHI or blood agar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Screw-cap tube. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Duplicate specimens (specimens from the same patient and same source submitted on same collection day). ○ Broken transport device. ○ Leaking specimen. • Transport: Ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs. Ship as Category B (except for <i>Shigella dysenteriae</i> type I, please ship as Category A). • Storage: Store at 4 – 8°C.

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

Not available

Comments

- All media should have parafilm or tape around the cap to insure that the specimen does not leak.