

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions *Clostridium perfringens* (Environmental) (Version 1) Page 1 of 2

Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Food	ASAP	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible send in original packaging or container. • Sterile/Aseptic technique is necessary for handling and packaging food items. • Items must be individually bagged in sterile, leak-proof containers. • Amount: 50-100 grams (1.7-3.5 ounces) of specimen is required. 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Sterile, leak-proof bag or container. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Testing not approved by CDE. ○ Leaking or inappropriately packaged specimen. ○ Improper storage or shipping conditions. • Transport: See storage requirements. • Storage: Keep refrigerated foods at 0°-4°C. Frozen foods should be kept frozen. Dry/canned goods may be stored at room temperature.
Stool	At onset or ASAP	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sterile/Aseptic technique is necessary for handling and packaging stool. • Do not use transport media or add any preservatives. • Amount: minimum of 50 grams raw stool (about walnut size). 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: Sterile screw top container. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Testing not approved by CDE. ○ Leaking or inappropriately packaged specimen. ○ Improper storage or shipping conditions. • Transport: Cold (Not frozen). Ship as Category B. • Storage: Refrigerate, must arrive at lab within 24 hours from collection.

General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- 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

- Results are quantitative, therefore adherence to specimen handling requirements are essential.
- If necessary, please contact laboratory before collection or shipping for additional assistance.