

STATE LAB
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INFECTIOUS AGENTS: CULTURE/DETECTION

TYPE OR PRINT REQUIRED INFORMATION OR PLACE LABELS ON BOTH COPIES

EH FP MTY/PN NOD STD/STI TB CD COR

Heath Care Provider/ Facility: _____ Last Name: _____ SR JR Other

Address: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ City: _____ County: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Test Request Authorized by: _____

Sex: Male Female Transgender M to F Transgender F to M Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Origin? Yes No

Race: American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black/African American Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander White

MRN/Case #: _____ Dept. of Corrections #: _____ Outbreak #: _____ Submitter Lab #: _____

Date Collected: _____ Time Collected: a.m. p.m. Onset Date: ____/____/____

Reason for Test: Screening Diagnosis Contact Test of Cure 2-3 Months Post Rx Suspected Carrier Isolate for ID Release

Therapy/Drug Treatment: No Yes Therapy/Drug Type: _____ Therapy/Drug Date: ____/____/____

SPECIMEN SOURCE CODE		SPECIMEN SOURCE CODE		SPECIMEN SOURCE CODE	
BACTERIOLOGY		PARASITOLOGY		SPECIAL BACTERIOLOGY	
Bacterial Culture - Routine		Blood Parasites _____		Legionella Culture	
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>		Country visited outside US: _____		Leptospira	
Group A Strep-Clinical		Ova & Parasites Immigrant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Mycoplasma (Outbreak Investigation Only)	
Group B Strep Screen-Clinical		Cryptosporidium		RESTRICTED TESTS <small>Pre-approved submitters only</small>	
<i>C. difficile</i> Toxin		Cyclospora/Isospora		<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> /GC NAAT	
Diphtheria		Microsporidium		**Norovirus-Outbreak Number Required	
Foodborne Pathogens (<i>B. cereus</i> , <i>C. perfringens</i> , <i>S. aureus</i>)		Pinworm		QuantIFERON	
Gonorrhea Culture: Incubated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				Incubation: Time Began: ____ a.m. p.m. Time ended: ____ a.m. p.m.	
Hours Incubated: ____		VIROLOGY		Antibiotic Resistance Lab Network- ARLN	
MRSA (rule out)		<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> Culture		Carbapenem Resistance Reference	
VRE (rule out)		Cytomegalovirus (CMV)		Yeast Culture Reference	
ENTERIC INFECTIONS		Herpes Simplex Virus (Types 1 & 2)		Aspergillus fumigatus Azole Testing	
Campylobacter		Varicella (VZV)		OTHER TESTS FOR INFECTIOUS AGENTS	
<i>E. coli</i> O 157 typing/shiga toxins		Enterovirus*		Test Name: _____	
Enteric Culture - Routine		COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)*		Prior arrangements have been made with the following MDH Labs Administration employee: _____	
(Salmonella, Shigella, <i>E. coli</i> O157, Campylobacter)		Influenza (Types A & B)*		Specimen Receipt Temperature (For MDH Lab Use ONLY):	
Salmonella typing		POC Testing Method: _____		_____ °C	
Shigella typing		Result: <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Positive infA <input type="checkbox"/> Positive infB			
<i>Vibrio</i>		Patient admitted to hospital? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Yersinia		Subtype (If applicable): _____			
REFERENCE MICROBIOLOGY		NIRV (Non-Influenza Respiratory Viruses)*			
ABC's (BIDS) # _____		(Might include: Adenovirus, Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and Parainfluenza viruses 1 - 3)			
Organism: _____		*MIGHT INCLUDE RESPIRATORY SCREENING PANEL			
Bacteria Referred Culture for ID		Comments: _____			
Specify: _____					
MYCOBACTERIOLOGY/AFB/TB					
AFB/TB Culture and Smear					
AFB/TB Referred Isolate for ID					
<i>M. tuberculosis</i> referred Isolate for genotyping					
NUCLEIC Acid Amplification Test for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Complex (GeneXpert)					

MUST ALSO MARK A TEST Submitted For Surveillance and/ or Regulatory Compliance (Test Result(s) Not Issued) Surveillance Program (If Applicable):

- SPECIMEN SOURCE CODES PLACE CODE IN BOX NEXT TO TEST**
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|--|---|
| B Blood Specimen | SP Sputum Specimen |
| BAL Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid sample | T Throat Swab |
| BW Bronchial Washings | URE Urethral Swab |
| CSF Cerebrospinal Fluid Sample | UFV Urine (1 st Void) |
| CX Cervical Swab | UCC Urine (Clean Catch) |
| N Nasal Swab | V Vaginal Swab |
| NP Nasopharyngeal Swab | W Wound Swab |
| P Penis Swab | O Other: _____ |
| R Rectum Swab | |
| S Stool Specimen | |

CLINIC CODES

EH – Employee Health
FP – Family Planning
MTY/PN – Maternity/Prenatal
NOD – Nurse of Day
STD/STI – Sexually Transmitted Disease/Infections
TB- Tuberculosis
CD- Communicable Disease
COR – Correctional Facility

Do not mark a box if clinic type does not apply

COMPLETING FORM

Press firmly – two part form

Type or print legibly

Printed labels are recommended

Please place labels on all copies of the form

Print or type the name of the person authorized to order test(s)
(This may be added to the pre-printed label.)

Collection date and time are required by law.
WRITE SPECIMEN CODE in box next to test.

Specimen/samples cannot be processed without a requested test.

****NOROVIRUS – Outbreak Number Required**

Appropriate for outbreak and epidemiological investigations **only**.

A MDH outbreak number is required.

Contact your local health department for a MDH outbreak number.

**Questions/comments on the use of the specimen bags/storage/shipping or completing the form contact:
Accessioning Unit 443-681-3842 or 443-681-3793**

To order collection kits and/or specimen collection supplies:

Contact Information:

Outfit Unit 443-681-3777 or Fax 443-681-3850

E-mail mdhlabs.outfits@maryland.gov

For specific test requirements refer to:

“Guide to Public Health Laboratory Services”

Available Online:

health.maryland.gov/laboratories/Pages/home.aspx

LABELING SPECIMENS/SAMPLES

Printed labels with all required patient information are recommended.

Print patient name, date of birth.
Print date and time the specimen was collected.

DO NOT cover expiration date of collection container.

Write specimen source on the collection container(s).

PACKAGING SPECIMENS FOR TRANSPORT

Never place specimens with different temperature requirements in the same bio-bag.

Review the Test Request Form to verify completeness including that the desired test(s) has/have been marked.

Use a separate bio-bag for each form and each temperature requirement. Place the specimen container in the zip lock portion of the bio-bag and seal it closed. Place the folded Test Request Form in the outside pocket of the bio-bag.

If multiple specimen containers are required for various tests marked on 1 form, place each container in a separate bio-bag to protect it from leakage/breakage of the other containers. Then place them all into an outer bio-bag with the Test Request Form in the pocket.

Verify that all specimen containers have been labeled as described above.

URINE SPECIMENS – Refrigerate PACKAGING AND SHIPPING

Double bag urine containers. Include absorbent material in the inner bio-bag and express air before sealing. Place this in a second bio-bag with the folded Test Request Form in the pocket of the outer bio-bag. Transport at refrigerated temperature.