

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 Patient SS # (last 4 digits)

Health Care Provider 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 _____ Country visited outside US: _____		Legionella Culture	
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>		Ova & Parasites Immigrant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Leptospira	
Group A Strep-Clinical		Cryptosporidium		Mycoplasma (Outbreak Investigation Only)	
Group B Strep Screen-Clinical		Cyclospora/Isospora		RESTRICTED TESTS <small>Pre-approved submitters only</small>	
<i>C. difficile</i> Toxin		Microsporidium		<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> /GC NAAT	
Diphtheria		Pinworm		**Norovirus-Outbreak Number Required	
Foodborne Pathogens (<i>B. cereus</i> , <i>C. perfringens</i> , <i>S. aureus</i>)		VIROLOGY		QuantIFERON Incubation: Time Began: ____ a.m. p.m. Time ended: ____ a.m. p.m.	
Gonorrhea Culture: Incubated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Hours Incubated: ____		<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> Culture		Antibiotic Resistance Lab Network- ARLN	
MRSA (rule out)		Cytomegalovirus (CMV)		Carbapenem Resistance Reference	
VRE (rule out)		Herpes Simplex Virus (Types 1 & 2)		Yeast Culture Reference	
ENTERIC INFECTIONS		Varicella (VZV)		Aspergillus fumigatus Azole Testing	
Campylobacter		Enterovirus*		OTHER TESTS FOR INFECTIOUS AGENTS	
<i>E. coli</i> O 157 typing/shiga toxins		COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)*		Test Name: _____	
Enteric Culture - Routine (Salmonella, Shigella, <i>E. coli</i> O157, Campylobacter)		Influenza (Types A & B)*		Prior arrangements have been made with the following MDH Labs Administration employee: _____	
Salmonella typing		POC Testing Method: _____ Result: <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Patient admitted to hospital? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Subtype (If applicable): _____		Specimen Receipt Temperature (For MDH Lab Use ONLY):	
Shigella typing		NIRV (Non-Influenza Respiratory Viruses)* (Might include: Adenovirus, Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and Parainfluenza viruses 1 - 3)		_____ °C	
<i>Vibrio</i>					
Yersinia					
REFERENCE MICROBIOLOGY		*MIGHT INCLUDE RESPIRATORY SCREENING PANEL			
ABC's (BIDS) # _____ Organism: _____		Comments: _____			
Bacteria Referred Culture for ID Specify: _____					
MYCOBACTERIOLOGY/AFB/TB					
AFB/TB Culture and Smear		Submitted For Surveillance and/or Regulatory Compliance (Test Result(s) NOT Issued)			
AFB/TB Referred Isolate for ID		Surveillance Program (If Applicable):			
<i>M. tuberculosis</i> referred Isolate for genotyping					
NUCLEIC Acid Amplification Test for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Complex (GeneXpert)					

SPECIMEN SOURCE CODES PLACE CODE IN BOX NEXT TO TEST

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 Nasopharyngeal Swab	V Vaginal Swab
P Penis Swab	W Wound Swab
R Rectum Swab	O Other: _____
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.