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Test Order
***Acanthamoeba* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10471

Synonym(s)	Free-living ameba, parasite
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Please provide the following information: history of present illness, exposure history, past medical history, treatment history, CSF results, imaging results. If images are available please upload to: http://www.cdc.gov/dpdx
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	For <i>Acanthamoeba</i> and <i>Balamuthia</i> molecular detection, tissue is the preferred specimen type; however, these amoebae can occasionally be detected in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF; see 'Interference & Limitations' below). For <i>Naegleria fowleri</i> molecular detection, CSF is the preferred specimen type. For suspected cases of <i>Acanthamoeba Keratitis (AK)</i> , we also accept deep corneal scraping, ocular fluid, and contact lens solution as specimen.
Minimum Volume Required	0.2 g tissue: 1 mL fluids
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Storage and preservation is specimen specific
Transport Medium	Small piece of tissue should be transported in small amount of 0.5x PBS to prevent dryness.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (sex, date of birth, name, etc.), provide specimen type and date of collection.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please contact laboratory prior to shipping any specimen and include "Unit 53" on the outside of package. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent, unless the specimen has been previously frozen. Frozen specimens may be shipped in cold with ice-packs. Please send the shipment tracking number on the day of shipment by e-mail to the CDC Point of Contacts (see below).
Methodology	Real-Time PCR
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Formalin-fixed specimens are not suitable for molecular studies as formalin fixation may cause DNA degradation. Fresh or frozen specimens, if available, are preferred. Additionally, CSF is NOT the preferred specimen type for <i>Acanthamoeba</i> or <i>Balamuthia</i> detection, because a negative CSF test result does not completely rule out infections with these amoebae.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Jennifer Cope (404) 718-4878 bjt9@cdc.gov Ibne Ali (404) 718-4157 xzn5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Actinomyces – Anaerobic ID
CDC-10483

Synonym(s) Anaerobe ID, Bacterial Identification, Anaerobe

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Anaerobic bacteria from clinically relevant sources, pure culture isolate in suitable anaerobic transport medium (e.g., Chopped Meat Glucose Broth). Prior approval from laboratory required for other sample/specimen types.

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store anaerobically

Transport Medium Pure culture isolate in Chopped Meat Glucose broth, thioglycolate broth or frozen in TSB plus glycerol

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries, as an etiologic agent.

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Specimen stored at room temperature should be shipped at room temperature

Methodology 16s Sequencing, MALDI-TOF, Phenotypic Testing

Turnaround Time 28 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimens from respiratory, vaginal, and fecal sources are not acceptable

Additional Information None

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Test Order
***Actinomyces*-Aerobic -ID**
CDC-10148

Synonym(s) *Nocardia, Streptomyces*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately.

Transport Medium Suitable agar slant medium

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary culture based on specimen type, 16S sequence based identification, MALDI-TOF

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

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Test Order
Actinomyces–Aerobic –ID and AST
CDC–10149

Synonym(s)	Actinos
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Methodology	AST by broth microdilution, Primary Culture based on specimen type, 16S sequence based identification, MALDI-TOF
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.
Additional Information	If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.
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Test Order

Adenovirus Molecular Detection and Typing

CDC-10170

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov Kamili, Shifaq, (404) 639-2799, sgk5@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Upper or lower respiratory tract specimens, eye swabs, stool, serum, blood or plasma, pure culture isolate
Minimum Volume Required	0.25 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Refrigerate all specimens promptly after collection. If specimens can be shipped to CDC within 72 hours of collection, they should be kept refrigerated at 4°C and shipped on gel ice-packs. Freezing should be avoided if possible, as this will reduce virus infectivity. Specimens for virus culture should not be frozen at -20° C. If specimens must be held for >72 hours, they should be promptly frozen at -70°C and shipped on dry ice. Liquid specimens should be aliquoted into properly labeled, leak-proof, unbreakable screw cap vials. Samples should be collected and processed in a manner that prevents cross-contamination between specimens, including changing gloves between specimens.
Transport Medium	Swabs may be shipped in commercial viral transport media
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday-Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Use only sterile Dacron or rayon swabs with plastic shafts or if available, flocked swabs. Do NOT use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden sticks, as they may contain substances that inactivate some viruses and inhibit some molecular assays.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Dean Erdman (404) 639-3727 dde1@cdc.gov Shifaq Kamili (404) 639-2799 sgk5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Alkhurma Identification
CDC-10274

Synonym(s) AHFV

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood, and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen, warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order
Alkhurma Serology
CDC-10285

Synonym(s) AHFV

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order

Ameba Identification (*Acanthamoeba*, *Balamuthia*, *Naegleria*)

CDC-10286

Synonym(s) Free-living ameba, *Acanthamoeba*, *Balamuthia*, *Naegleria fowleri*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please provide the following information: history of present illness, exposure history, past medical history, treatment history, CSF results, imaging results

If images are available please upload to: <http://www.cdc.gov/dpdx>

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Fresh, unfixed tissue and Paraffin-embedded and formalin-fixed tissue, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), biopsy specimen, deep corneal scrapings, and ocular fluids

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL fluids; 0.2 g tissue

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping CSF and fresh, unfixed tissue should be kept at ambient temperatures. Paraffin-embedded and formalin-fixed tissue should be kept at room temperature. Send a few H&E-stained slides and a few (about 6) unstained slides for IHC test, or Paraffin-embedded tissue block.

Unfixed deep scraping and biopsy materials for identification of free-living amoeba are usually very small and may dry if they are not stored in proper fluid such as 0.5x PBS or "amoeba saline" (see composition in the 'Additional Information'). These specimens should be transported to the laboratory within 24 hours.

Transport Medium Care should be taken to pack glass slides securely, as they can be damaged in shipment if not packed in a crush-proof container. For deep scraping and biopsy materials please transport in ameba saline solution, or in 0.5x PBS.

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (sex, date of birth, name, etc.), provide specimen type and date of collection.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight. Please contact laboratory prior to shipping any specimen and include "Unit 53" on the outside of package, and send the shipment tracking number on the day of shipment by e-mail to the CDC Point of Contacts (see below).

Ship all fresh specimens such as CSF, tissue biopsy (e.g., brain, lungs, skin) and all deep corneal scraping, etc., as an etiologic agent, within 24 hours of collection. Fresh, unfixed specimens (i.e., CSF and tissue), and formalin-fixed tissue specimens should be sent at ambient temperature by overnight priority mail. Please ship these specimens separately from other chilled or frozen samples being shipped.

If specimen has been previously frozen, please send these specimens by overnight priority mail on ice-packs.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Indirect Immunofluorescence (IIF), Immunohistochemical (IHC) staining plus microscopy, Microscopy

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations For molecular detection, CSF is the preferred specimen type for *N. fowleri* only, and it is NOT the preferred specimen type for *Acanthamoeba* or *Balamuthia*

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CDC-10286

detection. A negative CSF test result does not completely rule out infection with *Acanthamoeba* or *Balamuthia*. Fresh or frozen (unfixed) tissue specimens are preferred for *Balamuthia* or *Acanthamoeba* detection. Formalin-fixed specimens are not suitable for molecular studies as formalin fixation may cause DNA degradation. Fresh or frozen specimens, if available, are preferred over the formalin-fixed specimens.

Additional Information Include the address of sender and physician contact information with the specimen.

For deep scraping and biopsy materials please provide the following information to the laboratorians: patient name (first, last and middle initials), age & date of birth, sex, date specimen collected, Specimen source (cornea, vitreous fluid), specimen type (deep scraping, biopsy, vitreous fluid), suspected infection (keratitis, conjunctivitis, endophthalmitis), transport medium used.

Ameba saline, 1X stock:
Sodium chloride (NaCl) 0.120g
Magnesium sulfate (MgSO₄.7H₂O) 0.004 g
Sodium phosphate, dibasic (Na₂HPO₄) 0.142g
Potassium phosphate, monobasic (KH₂P O₄) 0.136g
Calcium chloride (CaCl₂.2H₂O) 0.004g
Double distilled water to 1000.0 mL

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If you are calling outside of regular business hours, please call the CDC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) (770) 488-7100

Test Order

Ameba Serology (*Acanthamoeba*, *Balamuthia*, *Naegleria*)

CDC-10287

Synonym(s) Free-living ameba, *Acanthamoeba*, *Balamuthia*, *Naegleria fowleri*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please provide the following information: history of present illness, exposure history, past medical history, treatment history, CSF results, imaging results

If images are available please upload to: <http://www.cdc.gov/dpdx>

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Sera (two specimen taken 2 weeks apart)

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum specimens can be collected from the patient in a red-top tube (plain vacuum tube with no additive) or a serum-separator tube (tiger top) tube (red/gray speckled top with gel in the tube). Please centrifuge the specimen, and if possible, send serum only. If using a plain red-top tube, you must separate the serum before shipping and send the serum only. Should be kept refrigerated or frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (sex, date of birth, name, etc.), provide specimen type and date of collection.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight. Please contact laboratory prior to shipping any specimen and include "Unit 53" on the outside of package.

Serum samples should be shipped refrigerated or frozen and packed with cold packs.

Methodology Indirect Immunofluorescence Antibody (IFA) assay

Turnaround Time 14 Days

Interferences & Limitations The Ameba Serology test has limited diagnostic value for three reasons:
 1. This test cannot differentiate between an old infection (or exposure) and an acute infection.
 2. For immunocompromised patients (which is the case for most *Acanthamoeba* infections, and some of the *Balamuthia* infections), there may not be any antibody response in the infected patients.
 3. There may not be enough time to mount an antibody response during an active *N. fowleri* (PAM) infection since the time from the onset of infection to fulminant disease (and death) is usually only 2–8 days.

Additional Information Include the address of sender and physician contact information with the specimen

CDC Points of Contact Jennifer Cope
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Test Order
Ameba Special Study
CDC-10288

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Cope, Jennifer, (404) 718-4878, bjt9@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Anaerobic Bacteria Identification
CDC-10227

Synonym(s) Anaerobe ID, Bacterial Identification, Anaerobe

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Anaerobic bacteria from clinically relevant sources, pure culture isolate in suitable anaerobic transport medium (e.g., Chopped Meat Glucose Broth). Prior approval from laboratory required for other sample/specimen types.

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store anaerobically

Transport Medium Pure culture isolate in Chopped Meat Glucose broth, thioglycolate broth or frozen in TSB plus glycerol

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries, as an etiologic agent.

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Specimen stored at room temperature should be shipped at room temperature

Methodology 16S Sequencing, MALDI-TOF, Phenotypic Testing

Turnaround Time 28 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen from respiratory, vaginal, and fecal sources are not acceptable

Additional Information See separate test order for *C. difficile*

CDC Points of Contact David Lonsway
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Test Order
Anaplasma Molecular Detection
CDC-10290

Synonym(s) Human granulocytic anaplasmosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided:
 – Suspected Agent
 – Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.)
 – Date of illness onset (and time if available)
 – Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.)
 – Test requested
 – Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Acute samples only, anticoagulated whole blood collected in Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) treated tubes preferred; serum; fresh tissue biopsy

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.

Transport Medium Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) blood tubes for blood; tissue in a sample collection tube

Specimen Labeling Patient name and date of birth

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.

Methodology Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing

Turnaround Time 6 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolysis in whole blood specimen will interfere with results. Multiple freeze thaw cycles and sample storage above refrigerated temperatures will interfere with proper nucleic acid extraction. If a specimen is drawn at convalescence it will reduce the chance of the target organism being present in blood. Avoid collection of blood specimen in heparin tubes.

Additional Information The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.

CDC Points of Contact Cecilia Kato
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Test Order
***Anaplasma* Serology**
CDC-10292

Synonym(s) Human granulocytic anaplasmosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided:
 – Suspected Agent
 – Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.)
 – Date of illness onset (and time if available)
 – Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.)
 – Test requested
 – Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum
 –acute (during active stage of illness)
 –convalescent (2–4 weeks after acute stage)

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name and date of birth

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.

Methodology Indirect Fluorescence Assay (IFA)

Turnaround Time 6 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Multiple freeze thaw cycles may interfere with antigen binding. Use sterile technique to avoid contamination of sample as this may compromise the sample and interfere with the ability to get accurate results. Acute and convalescent serum is needed for accurate diagnosis and if unable to collect both please contact laboratory prior to shipping.

Additional Information The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.

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Test Order
Anaplasma Special Study
CDC-10291

Synonym(s) Human granulocytic anaplasmosis

Pre-Approval Needed Kato, Cecilia, (404) 639-1075, ckato@cdc.gov
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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology Molecular detection, Serology, Culture, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Other
Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Angiostrongylus cantonensis Molecular Detection
CDC-10472

Synonym(s) Angiostrongyliasis, Rat lungworm, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF); tissue

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Storage and preservation is specimen specific

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen on wet ice (cold pack) as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Real Time PCR

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations Formalin fixed specimens are not suitable for molecular studies

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Yvonne Qvarnstrom
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Test Order

Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing – Bacterial

CDC-10223

Synonym(s)	AST, Sensitivity, MIC testing
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Confirmation of unusual resistance is required before sending specimen for testing; please specify antibacterial agent of interest and provide previous results and testing method
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate on suitable agar medium
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep refrigerated if isolate cannot be shipped immediately. For fastidious organisms (e.g. <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>), store at room temperature.
Transport Medium	Pure culture isolate on suitable agar medium or frozen in TSB plus glycerol
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries, as an etiologic agent. Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs Specimen stored at room temperature should be shipped at room temperature
Methodology	Broth Microdilution, Disk Diffusion, Additional Phenotypic Testing, Molecular detection of resistance markers
Turnaround Time	18 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	David Lonsway (404) 639-2825 Dlonsway@cdc.gov Kamile Rasheed (404) 639-3247 JRasheed@cdc.gov

Test Order
Arbovirus Isolation and Identification
CDC-10281

Synonym(s) Arbo-Isolation, Chikungunya, Zika Virus

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), and fresh frozen tissue specimen

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen should be kept at 4°C or colder

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Ship to:
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
3156 Rampart Road (CSU Foothills Campus)
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Methodology Isolation in cell culture

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Robert Lanciotti
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Test Order
Arbovirus Molecular Detection
CDC-10280

Synonym(s) Arbo-RT-PCR, Chikungunya, Zika Virus

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), and fresh frozen tissue specimen

Minimum Volume Required 0.25 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen should be kept at 4°C or colder

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Ship to:
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
3156 Rampart Road (CSU Foothills Campus)
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Methodology RT-Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations Hemolysis can affect the test results

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Robert Lanciotti
(970) 221-6440
rsl2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Arbovirus Neutralization Antibody
CDC-10283

Synonym(s) Arbo-PRNT, Chikungunya, Zika Virus

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen should be kept at 4°C or colder

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Ship to:
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
3156 Rampart Road (CSU Foothills Campus)
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Methodology Plaque reduction neutralization

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Robert Lanciotti
(970) 221-6440
rsl2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Arbovirus Serology
CDC-10282

Synonym(s) Arbo-Serology, Chikungunya, Zika Virus

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Minimum Volume Required 0.25 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen should be kept at 4°C or colder

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Ship to:
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
3156 Rampart Road (CSU Foothills Campus)
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Methodology ELISA, MIA

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Robert Lanciotti
(970) 221-6440
rsl2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Arbovirus Special Study
CDC-10284

Synonym(s) Zika Virus

Pre-Approval Needed Lanciotti, Robert, (970) 221-6440, rsl2@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Robert Lanciotti
(970) 221-6440
rsl2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Arenavirus (New World) – Serology
CDC-10484

Synonym(s) Junin virus, Machupo virus, Guanarito virus, Chapare virus, Sabia virus serology

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood, Serum

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient Name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
(404) 639-0114
irc4@cdc.gov
Pierre Rollin
(404) 639-1124
pyr3@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Arenavirus* (New World) Identification**
CDC-10293

Synonym(s) New World *Arenavirus*, South American hemorrhagic fever viruses

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C , and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
(404) 639-0114
irc4@cdc.gov
Pierre Rollin
(404) 639-1124
pyr3@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Arenavirus* (Old World) Identification**
CDC-10294

Synonym(s)	Old World <i>Arenavirus</i>
Pre-Approval Needed	Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Frozen tissue, blood and serum
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.
Methodology	Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	10 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.
Additional Information	Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.
CDC Points of Contact	John Klena (404) 639-0114 irc4@cdc.gov Pierre Rollin (404) 639-1124 pyr3@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Babesia* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10473

Synonym(s) Babesiosis; *Babesia microti*; *Babesia duncani*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Collect a 1–5 ml blood sample in Vacutainer® EDTA tubes prior to anti-parasitic therapy and ship at 4°C

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen on wet ice (cold pack) as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Conventional PCR, Real Time PCR

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Yvonne Qvarnstrom
(404) 718-4123
bvp2@cdc.gov
Samaly dos Santos Souza
(404) 718-4786
ynp4@cdc.gov

Test Order
Babesiosis Serology
CDC-10456

Synonym(s) *Babesia microti*, *Babesia duncani*, *Babesia divergens*, babesiosis, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors (ticks, transfusion); clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and plasma

Minimum Volume Required 0.5mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Indirect Fluorescent Antibody assay, Antibody detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Hilda Rivera
(404) 718-4100
igi2@cdc.gov
DPDx
(404) 718-4120
dpdx@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacillus anthracis Detection in Clinical Specimens
 CDC-10204

Synonym(s)	Anthrax PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch (CDC), , (404) 639-1711, bzb@cdc.gov Alternate Phone, , (404) 772-5131,
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	http://www.cdc.gov/anthrax/labs/recommended_specimen.html
Minimum Volume Required	100 uL – see Additional Information
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Info on specimens, storage and shipping can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/anthrax/labs/recommended_specimen.html
Transport Medium	Dependent on specimen type submitted. Info on specimens, storage, and shipping can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/anthrax/labs/recommended_specimen.html
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Info on appropriate specimens and shipping can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/anthrax/labs/recommended_specimen.html Most samples can be sent 2-8 °C. Fresh tissue should be sent frozen and fixed tissue can be sent at room temperature.
Methodology	Culture, PCR, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Toxin detection
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Varies depending on tests used. Blood specimens should be collected in EDTA or Sodium Citrate tubes (not heparin). Tissues for IHC should be formalin fixed.
Additional Information	Turnaround time will vary depending on methods selected for detection at CDC. Some methods may require up to 1 week. Minimal volume: limited testing can be done with 100 ul, however 0.5- 1 ml is optimal to increase number of tests which can be performed and increase assay sensitivity.
CDC Points of Contact	Alex Hoffmaster (404) 639-0852 amh9@cdc.gov Chung Marston (404) 639-4057 cdk5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacillus anthracis Genotyping and AST
 CDC-10203

Synonym(s)	Anthrax, Anthrax Gamma phage, Anthrax PCR, Anthrax typing
Pre-Approval Needed	Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch (CDC), , (404) 639-1711, bzb@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Select Agent Form 2 required for submission of all confirmed Select Agents.
Supplemental Form	http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	<i>B. anthracis</i> isolates
Minimum Volume Required	N/A
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Store isolates at room temperature
Transport Medium	Appropriate microbiological media for <i>Bacillus</i>
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Room temperature Confirmed select agents need Form 2 approval by the Select Agent program prior to shipping. The Form 2 can be found at http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html
Methodology	Genotyping (i.e., MLVA and genome sequence), Broth Microdilution, Rapid Antimicrobial Susceptibility Test (AST)
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Rapid AST turnaround is 12-24 h. Genotyping and broth microdilution is ~1 week. Note: more extensive characterization by whole genome sequencing may take longer. Times may be shorter in public health emergencies. Link to our website: http://www.cdc.gov/anthrax/labs/recommended_specimen.html
CDC Points of Contact	Chung Marston (404) 639-4057 cdk5@cdc.gov David Lonsway (404) 639-2825 dul7@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacillus anthracis Serology
CDC-10196

Synonym(s) Anthrax ELISA

Pre-Approval Needed Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch (CDC), , (404) 639-1711, bzb@cdc.gov
Alternate Phone, , (404) 772-5131,

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum (acute and convalescent required)

Minimum Volume Required 250 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Separate serum from clot; sera should be frozen immediately following separation and stored frozen at -20°C or colder, and should be shipped frozen on dry ice to CDC, in appropriately labeled plastic screw cap vials. For more information on specimen processing and storage, see link in "Additional Information".

Transport Medium Not applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice. See additional info at http://www.cdc.gov anthrax/labs/recommended_specimen.html .

Methodology Antibody detection by ELISA and TNA

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Requires acute and convalescent serum for analysis

Additional Information Turnaround time ranges from 1–2 weeks. See additional info at http://www.cdc.gov anthrax/labs/recommended_specimen.html

CDC Points of Contact Chung Marston
(404) 639-4057
cdk5@cdc.gov
Robyn Stoddard
(404) 639-2053
frd8@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacillus anthracis Study
CDC-10205

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Hoffmaster, Alex, (404) 639-0852, amh9@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Alex Hoffmaster
(404) 639-0852
amh9@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacillus cereus Detection – Foodborne Outbreak
 CDC-10104

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Luquez, Carolina, (404) 639-0896, fry6@cdc.gov Gomez, Gerry, (404) 639-0537, goe4@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Only specimens from foodborne outbreaks accepted. Consult with EDLB contact before sending specimens. Provide preliminary results if available.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates, food, stool. Only specimens from foodborne outbreaks accepted. Consult with Carolina Luquez before sending specimens.
Minimum Volume Required	25 g (food) and 10g (stool)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Food and stool should be maintained at 4°C
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please notify Carolina Luquez (fry6@cdc.gov) and Gerry Gomez (goe4@cdc.gov) once specimens have been shipped to provide the tracking number. Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines
Methodology	Toxin Detection in food, Culture, PCR
Turnaround Time	2 Months
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Direct toxin detection requires food samples
CDC Points of Contact	Carolina Luquez (404) 639-0896 fry6@cdc.gov Gerry Gomez (404) 639-0537 goe4@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacillus cereus Genotyping
CDC-10206

Synonym(s) *Bacillus* MLST

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Any medium can be submitted, but preferably agar slants

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Agar slants need to be shipped at room temperature

Methodology Multilocus sequence typing (MLST)

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Testing can be done on *B. cereus* and *B. thuringiensis*

CDC Points of Contact Alex Hoffmaster
(404) 639-0852
amh9@cdc.gov
Jay Gee
(404) 639-4936
xzg4@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacillus species ID (Not *B. anthracis*)
CDC-10142

Synonym(s) *Bacillus* Identification

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary culture based on specimen type, 16S sequence based identification, MALDI-TOF

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

CDC Points of Contact John McQuiston
(404) 639-0270
zje8@cdc.gov
Anne Whitney
(404) 639-1374
amw0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacterial ID from Clinical Specimen (16S rRNA PCR)
CDC-10146

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed McQuiston, John, (404) 639-0270, zje8@cdc.gov
Whitney, Anne, (404) 639-1374, amw0@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Primary specimens with prior approval

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday-Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI-TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

CDC Points of Contact John McQuiston
(404) 639-0270
zje8@cdc.gov
Anne Whitney
(404) 639-1374
amw0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bacterial ID of Unknown Isolate (Not Strict Anaerobe)
CDC-10145

Synonym(s) Bacterial Identification

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

CDC Points of Contact John McQuiston
(404) 639–0270
zje8@cdc.gov
Anne Whitney
(404) 639–1374
amw0@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Balamuthia* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10474

Synonym(s)	Free-living ameba, parasite
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Please provide the following information: history of present illness, exposure history, past medical history, treatment history, CSF results, imaging results. If images are available please upload to: http://www.cdc.gov/dpdx
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	For <i>Acanthamoeba</i> and <i>Balamuthia</i> molecular detection, tissue is the preferred specimen type; however, these amoebae can occasionally be detected in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF; see 'Interference & Limitations' below). For <i>Naegleria fowleri</i> molecular detection, CSF is the preferred specimen type.
Minimum Volume Required	0.2 g tissue: 1 mL fluids
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Storage and preservation is specimen specific
Transport Medium	Small piece of tissue should be transported in small amount of 0.5x PBS to prevent dryness.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (sex, date of birth, name, etc.), provide specimen type and date of collection.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please contact laboratory prior to shipping any specimen and include "Unit 53" on the outside of package. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent, unless the specimen has been previously frozen. Frozen specimens may be shipped in cold with ice-packs. Please send the shipment tracking number on the day of shipment by e-mail to the CDC Point of Contacts (see below).
Methodology	Real-time PCR
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Formalin-fixed specimens are not suitable for molecular studies as formalin fixation may cause DNA degradation. Fresh or frozen specimens, if available, are preferred. Additionally, CSF is NOT the preferred specimen type for <i>Acanthamoeba</i> or <i>Balamuthia</i> detection, because a negative CSF test result does not completely rule out infections with these amoebae.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Jennifer Cope (404) 718-4878 bjt9@cdc.gov Ibne Ali (404) 718-4157 xzn5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bartonella henselae/*B. quintana* Indirect Fluorescent Antibody
 (IFA) test
 CDC-10486

Synonym(s) *B. henselae*/cat scratch disease, *B. quintana*/trench fever

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please provide submitting agency, contact name, address, phone number, specimen identifier, patient name, specimen source and type, sex and date of birth, date of symptom onset, sample collection date, and clinical information including symptoms and type and date of treatment patient has received.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 500 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Sera may be stored at 2°-8°C for up to 14 days. If testing is delayed for a longer period, serum samples may be frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Specimen identifier and patient name

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. All packages must be addressed to:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 Bacterial Diseases Branch
 Attn: John Young
 3156 Rampart Road
 Fort Collins, CO 80521

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
 Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs

Methodology Indirect Fluorescent Antibody (IFA)

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Samples with hemolysis, increased lipemia or microbial growth may interfere with test results

Additional Information Clinical information including symptoms and date of onset must be included; specimens without this accompanying information will not be tested.

CDC Points of Contact Jeannine Peterson
 (970) 266-3524
 nzp0@cdc.gov
 Marty Schriefer
 (970) 221-6479
 mms7@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Bartonella* Molecular Identification**
CDC-10295

Synonym(s)	Cat scratch fever, <i>B. henselae</i> , Trench fever, <i>B. quintana</i> , Oroya fever, <i>B. bacilliformis</i>
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided: -Symptom onset date -Sample collection date -Type of infection -Status of illness Recommended: -Travel history -Exposure history -Therapeutic agents -Brief clinical history
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Acute samples only, anticoagulated whole blood collected in Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) treated tubes preferred; serum; fresh tissue biopsy
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.
Transport Medium	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) blood tubes for blood; tissue in a sample collection tube
Specimen Labeling	Patient name and date of birth
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing
Turnaround Time	6 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Hemolysis in whole blood specimen will interfere with results. Multiple freeze thaw cycles and sample storage above refrigerated temperatures will interfere with proper nucleic acid extraction. If a specimen is drawn at convalescence it will reduce the chance of the target organism being present in blood. Avoid collection of blood specimen in heparin tubes.
Additional Information	The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.
CDC Points of Contact	Cecilia Kato (404) 639-1075 ckato@cdc.gov Christopher Paddock (404) 639-1309 cdp9@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Bartonella* Special Study**
CDC-10297

Synonym(s)	Cat scratch fever, <i>B. henselae</i> , Trench fever, <i>B. quintana</i> , Oroya fever, <i>B. bacilliformis</i>
Pre-Approval Needed	Schriefer, Marty, (970) 221-6479, mms7@cdc.gov Peterson, Jeannine, (970) 266-3534, nzp0@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	To be determined
Minimum Volume Required	To be determined
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	To be determined
Transport Medium	To be determined
Specimen Labeling	To be determined
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	To be determined
Methodology	Molecular detection, Serology, Culture, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Other
Turnaround Time	
Interferences & Limitations	To be determined
Additional Information	To be determined
CDC Points of Contact	Marty Schriefer (970) 221-6479 mms7@cdc.gov Jeannine Peterson (970) 266-3534 nzp0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Baylisascariasis Serology
CDC-10457

Synonym(s) Baylisascariasis, Raccoon roundworm, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors (raccoon) clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, plasma; Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Immunoblot, Western Blot, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Isabel McAuliffe
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Test Order
Biodefense R&D Study
CDC-10487

Synonym(s) Biodefense Research and Development Laboratory Study

Pre-Approval Needed Weigel, Linda, (404) 639-1497, lew9@cdc.gov
Sue, David, (404) 639-4027, btx6@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required For isolates from human specimens, prior approval is required. Consult with the lab for details.

Select Agent Form 2 required for submission of all confirmed Select Agents.
The Form 2 can be found at
<http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html>

Supplemental Form <http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html>

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates on agar plate or slant, consult with lab for details.

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Consult with lab for details

Transport Medium Pure culture isolates (only) on sheep blood or Mueller-Hinton agar

Specimen Labeling Test is subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and on the test requisition

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Select agents that have been identified need form 2 approval prior to shipping. Form 2 may be found at: <http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html>

Methodology Modified Broth Microdilution

Turnaround Time 2 Days

Interferences & Limitations Isolates from human specimens may be tested only under Emergency Use Authorization.

Additional Information Turnaround time can vary depending on age/purity of isolate received

CDC Points of Contact Linda Weigel
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lew9@cdc.gov
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Test Order
Biothreat Study
CDC-10432

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Bowzard, Brad, (404) 639-3626, jbowzard@cdc.gov
Sue, David, (404) 639-4027, dsue@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required Please contact Dr. Brad Bowzard at 404 639-3626 or jbowzard@cdc.gov, for the required supplemental form and packaging and shipping requirements.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Brad Bowzard
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Test Order
Blood Disorders Coagulation Study
CDC-10271

Synonym(s) Coag

Pre-Approval Needed Driggers, Jennifer, (404) 639-1269, jgq2@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Jennifer Driggers
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Test Order
***Bordetella pertussis* Serology**
CDC-10166

Synonym(s)	IgG against pertussis toxin, Pertussis ELISA, whooping cough
Pre-Approval Needed	Pawloski, Lucia, (404) 639-4506, ecz6@cdc.gov Tondella, Maria, (404) 639-1239, mlt5@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum from patients with two or more weeks of cough, but will accept plasma if serum is unavailable. Centrifuge the tube of blood at 1100-1300 x g for approximately 10 minutes to separate the cells from the serum.
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Serum specimens may be stored refrigerated (2°-8°C) for up to 7 days; If greater than 7 days serum must be kept frozen (-20°C or lower). For long-term storage, the serum should be frozen (-20°C or colder).
Transport Medium	Not applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Serum specimens may be shipped refrigerated (2°-8°C) for up to 7 days. For shipments that are in transit for more than 7 days, specimens should be kept frozen (-20°C or lower). Sender is responsible for shipping charges and when shipping internationally must request CDC's import permit and include this with the Air Waybill. Additionally, the Pertussis/Diphtheria Laboratory requests that the sender contact the laboratory by email or phone before shipping.
Methodology	Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)
Turnaround Time	5 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Serum collected from patients with less than 2 weeks of cough are not appropriate for this test. Samples should not be used if they have incurred more than 5 freeze-thaw cycles. Specimens with unacceptable preservatives such as anti-coagulants would invalidate the results. In addition, hemolyzed and lipemic specimens are considered suboptimal serum specimens for this assay.
Additional Information	Please include patient age and duration of cough on specimen submission form
CDC Points of Contact	Lucia Pawloski (404) 639-4506 ecz6@cdc.gov Maria Tondella (404) 639-1239 mlt5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Bordetella species ID/Confirmation of Isolates
 CDC-10164

Synonym(s)	<i>B. pertussis</i> , <i>B. parapertussis</i> , <i>B. holmesii</i> , <i>B. bronchiseptica</i> , whooping cough
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolates on Regan-Lowe, Bordet-Gengou, charcoal agar or blood agar (<i>B. parapertussis</i> , <i>B. holmesii</i> , or <i>B. bronchiseptica</i> only) or cryopreserved isolates
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Isolates can be frozen in cryopreservation medium or refrigerated on Regan-Lowe, Bordet-Gengou, charcoal agar or blood agar (<i>B. parapertussis</i> , <i>B. holmesii</i> , or <i>B. bronchiseptica</i> only)
Transport Medium	Isolates can be frozen in cryopreservation medium or for best results a fresh subculture on Regan-Lowe, Bordet-Gengou, charcoal agar or blood agar (<i>B. parapertussis</i> , <i>B. holmesii</i> , or <i>B. bronchiseptica</i> only) should be sent refrigerated. Calcium alginate and cotton swabs are not acceptable.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Isolates should be shipped refrigerated (2°-8°C) as soon as possible, between 24-48 hours. Frozen isolates should be sent on dry ice. Sender is responsible for shipping charges and when shipping internationally must request CDC's import permit and include this with the Air Waybill. Additionally, the Pertussis/Diphtheria Laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping.
Methodology	Culture, Identification
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Prior antibiotic treatment will adversely affect results and patients coughing more than two weeks will likely not be culture positive.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Pam Cassiday (404) 639-1231 pxc1@cdc.gov Maria Tondella (404) 639-1239 mlt5@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Bordetella* species Isolation and ID**
CDC-10163

Synonym(s) *B. pertussis*, *B. parapertussis*, *B. holmesii*, *B. bronchiseptica*, whooping cough

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs and aspirates; calcium alginate and cotton swabs are not acceptable

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL aspirate

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs should be collected on Dacron (polyester), rayon or nylon. Specimens should be kept refrigerated. Use plastic/glass screw-cap, leak-proof vials.

Transport Medium Regan-Lowe transport medium is recommended for specimens. Amies Charcoal transports are acceptable, but may decrease the probability of isolation.

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Swabs in transport or isolates should be shipped refrigerated (2°-8°C) as soon as possible, between 24-48 hours. Aspirates can be shipped with ice packs or frozen (-20°C or lower). Frozen isolates should be sent on dry ice. Sender is responsible for shipping charges and when shipping internationally must request CDC's import permit and include this with the Air Waybill. Additionally, the Pertussis/Diphtheria Laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping.

Methodology Culture

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Prior antibiotic treatment will adversely affect results. Patients coughing more than two weeks will likely not be culture positive.

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Pam Cassiday
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Test Order
***Bordetella* species Molecular Detection**
CDC-10165

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Cassidy, Pam, (404) 639-1231, pxc1@cdc.gov
Tondella, Maria, (404) 639-1239, mlt5@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Prefer nasopharyngeal aspirate but will also accept nasopharyngeal swab. Calcium alginate and cotton swabs are not acceptable.

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be kept refrigerated or frozen. Use plastic/glass screw-cap, leak-proof vials

Transport Medium Dry swabs in sterile tubes are preferred; if only one swab is collected for both culture and PCR, the swabs should be sent in Regan-Lowe transport.

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Swabs should be shipped refrigerated (2°-8°C) as soon as possible, between 24-48 hours. Aspirates can be shipped with ice packs or frozen (-20°C or lower). Sender is responsible for shipping charges and when shipping internationally must request CDC's import permit and include this with the Air Waybill. Additionally, the Pertussis/Diphtheria Laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Multi target Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 5 Days

Interferences & Limitations Prior antibiotic treatment will adversely affect results. Specimens collected from patients with more than 4 weeks of cough are not appropriate for this test. Samples should not be used if they have incurred more than 2 freeze-thaw cycles. Clinical specimens collected subsequent to initiation of antimicrobial treatment may not be positive for *Bordetella* spp. Due to reduction of organisms. Whenever possible, specimens collected prior to administration of antimicrobial agents should be used to determine infection with *Bordetella* spp.

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Pam Cassidy
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Maria Tondella
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Test Order
Bordetella species Study
CDC-10167

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Cassidy, Pam, (404) 639-1231, pxc1@cdc.gov
Tondella, Maria, (404) 639-1239, mlt5@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Pam Cassidy
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Maria Tondella
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Test Order
Bordetella spp. ID (Not *B. pertussis*/*B. parapertussis*)
CDC-10143

Synonym(s) *Bordetella* Identification

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

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Test Order
Borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme Disease) Serology
 CDC-10298

Synonym(s) Lyme Disease, Borreliosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please include submitting agency, contact name, address, phone number, specimen identifier, patient name, specimen source and type, sex and date of birth, symptoms of onset, sample collection date, and clinical information including type and date of treatment patient has received.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Sera may be stored at 2°-8°C for up to 14 days. If testing is delayed for a longer period, serum samples may be frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Commonly used identifiers are the first and last name and date of birth of the patient.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. All packages must be addressed to:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 Bacterial Diseases Branch
 Attn: John Young
 3156 Rampart Road
 Fort Collins, CO 80521

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
 Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs

Methodology IgG/IgM ELISA, IgG Western Blot, IgM Western Blot

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed samples may interfere with test results

Additional Information Two tier testing will be performed. If available, submit any preliminary results. Include the date of onset, antibiotic treatment (type of antibiotics and date administered), date when the sample was collected, signs and symptoms.

If testing needs to be performed by another laboratory, i.e. arbovirus, please contact laboratory prior to shipping.

CDC Points of Contact Marty Schriefer
 (970) 221-6479
 mms7@cdc.gov
 Jeannine Petersen
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Test Order
***Borrelia* Culture and Identification**
CDC-10299

Synonym(s)	Lyme Disease, Borreliosis, Relapsing fever
Pre-Approval Needed	Schriefer, Marty, (970) 221-6479, mms7@cdc.gov Petersen, Jeannine, (970) 266-3524, nzp0@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Please include submitting agency, contact name, address, phone number, specimen identifier, patient name, specimen source and type, sex and date of birth, symptoms of onset, sample collection date, and clinical information including type and date of treatment patient has received.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Blood, skin biopsy (Erythema Migrans Rash) and others upon consultation (i.e. cultures, blood smears for confirmation, spinal fluid, synovial fluid)
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	For a skin biopsy, contact laboratory prior to collection and/or shipment for specific requirements. Blood may be collected in heparin, citrate or EDTA. All specimen should be collected and shipped prior to antibiotic treatment if possible.
Transport Medium	Contact laboratory prior to shipping for instructions on skin biopsy's transport medium.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Commonly used identifiers are the first and last name and date of birth of the patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. All packages must be addressed to: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Bacterial Diseases Branch Attn: John Young 3156 Rampart Road Fort Collins, CO 80521 Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs
Methodology	Culture, Microscopy Confirmation
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Antibiotic treatment will minimize growth potential of culture
Additional Information	Provide any antibiotic treatment information
CDC Points of Contact	Marty Schriefer (970) 221-6479 mms7@cdc.gov Jeannine Petersen (970) 266-3524 nzp0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Borrelia hermsii (Tick-borne Relapsing Fever) Serology
 CDC-10399

Synonym(s) Borreliosis, Recurrent fever, *Borrelia*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please include submitting agency, contact name, address, phone number, specimen identifier, patient name, specimen source and type, sex and date of birth, symptoms of onset, sample collection date, and clinical information including type and date of treatment patient has received.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Commonly used identifiers are the first and last name and date of birth of the patient.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. All packages must be addressed to:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 Bacterial Diseases Branch
 Attn: John Young
 3156 Rampart Road
 Fort Collins, CO 80521

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
 Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs

Methodology IgM/IgG ELISA

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed specimen can affect the results

Additional Information Two tier testing will be performed. If available, submit any preliminary results. Include the date of onset, antibiotic treatment (type of antibiotics and date administered), date when the sample was collected, signs and symptoms.

If testing needs to be performed by another laboratory, i.e. arbovirus, please contact laboratory prior to shipping.

CDC Points of Contact Marty Schriefer
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Test Order
Borrelia Special Study
CDC-10300

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Schriefer, Marty, (970) 221-6479, mms7@cdc.gov
Petersen, Jeannine, (970) 266-3524, nzp0@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order

Botulinum Toxin Producing Clostridia Subtyping

CDC-10134

Synonym(s)	Bot, Botulism
Pre-Approval Needed	Luquez, Carolina, (404) 639-0896, fry6@cdc.gov Maslanka, Susan, (404) 639-0895, sht5@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	APHIS/CDC Form 2 Request to Transfer Select Agents and Toxins is required
Supplemental Form	http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Chopped Meat Glucose Starch (CMGS) or Trypticase Peptone Glucose Yeast extract (TPGY) media.
Specimen Labeling	Not Applicable
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Package must have proper labeling for infectious substance: UN 2814 Infectious substance, Category A
Methodology	Pulsed field gel electrophoresis (PFGE)
Turnaround Time	12 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Specify type of subtyping requested in 'Previous Laboratory Results' on back of form. APHIS/CDC Form 2 must be approved prior to shipping. Form 2 may be found at: http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html ; Please send to POC: anticipated arrival date, courier, and tracking number.
CDC Points of Contact	Carolina Luquez (Primary POC) (404) 639-0896 fry6@cdc.gov Susan Maslanka (Alternate POC) (404) 639-0895 sht5@cdc.gov

Test Order

Botulism Laboratory Confirmation

CDC-10132

Synonym(s)	Bot, Botulism
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Foodborne: serum, stool, vomitus, gastric contents, and food Wound: serum, debrided tissue, swab from wounds, and stool (to rule out foodborne botulism) Infant: stool, rectal swabs, and potential sources
Minimum Volume Required	See Additional Information
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Maintain specimen at 4°C
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Packages may arrive on weekends Ship with on cold packs. Package must have proper labeling for biological hazards: UN 3373 biological substance, Category B.
Methodology	Mouse Bioassay, ELISA, Mass Spectrometry (MS), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	12 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Serum samples must be collected before antitoxin treatment. Adult patients: 5 to 15 ml of serum (without anticoagulant); 10 to 20 g of feces (if an enema is needed, use sterile non-bacteriostatic water). Infant patients: ideally, 10g to 20g of feces should be collected; however, smaller quantities can provide confirmatory test results (if an enema is needed, use sterile non-bacteriostatic water). Foods should be left in their original containers or placed in sterile unbreakable containers. Empty containers with remnants of suspected foods can also be recovered and submitted for testing.
CDC Points of Contact	Carolina Luquez (Primary POC) (404) 639-0896 fry6@cdc.gov Susan Maslanka (Alternate POC) (404) 639-0895 sht5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Botulism Special Study
CDC-10133

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Luquez, Carolina, (404) 639-0896, fry6@cdc.gov
Maslanka, Susan, (404) 639-0895, sht5@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Carolina Luquez (Primary POC)
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Test Order
Brucella species Identification, Genotyping, and AST
 CDC-10207

Synonym(s)	Brucellosis
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Blood/serum, tissue, joint fluid, environmental/nonclinical samples and culture isolates
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Agar slants preferred for shipping isolates
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Select agents that have been identified need form 2 approval prior to shipping. Form 2 may be found at: http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html Select agents must be shipped Monday through Wednesday to prevent weekend arrivals Agar slants should be shipped at room temperature and specimens at 4°C.
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Biochemicals, Phage Susceptibility, Broth Micro Dilution, MLVA
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Turnaround time will vary depending on if an isolate is sent for identification or a specimen is sent for isolation. Identification of isolates generally is completed within 1 week and susceptibility testing is completed within 2 weeks, while isolation from specimens and subsequent ID may take up to 3 weeks. For additional information please refer to the ASM sentinel laboratory guide: http://www.asm.org/images/pdf/Clinical/Protocols/brucella10-15-04.pdf
CDC Points of Contact	Rebekah Tiller (404) 639-4507 eto3@cdc.gov David Lonsway (404) 639-2825 dul7@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Brucella* species Molecular Detection**
CDC-10208

Synonym(s) *Brucella* PCR

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form <http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html>

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood/serum, tissue, joint fluid, environmental/nonclinical samples. Blood specimens should be collected in EDTA or Sodium Citrate tubes (not heparin).

Minimum Volume Required 250 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Blood specimens should be transported in EDTA or Sodium Citrate tubes at 4°C

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Select agents that have been identified need form 2 approval prior to shipping. Form 2 can be found at: <http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html>
Select agents must be shipped Monday through Wednesday to prevent weekend arrivals. Specimens should be shipped at 4°C.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Blood specimens should be collected in EDTA or Sodium Citrate tubes (not heparin)

Additional Information For additional information please refer to the ASM sentinel laboratory guide: <http://www.asm.org/images/pdf/Clinical/Protocols/brucella10-15-04.pdf>

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Test Order
***Brucella* species Serology**
CDC-10197

Synonym(s) BMAT

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum (acute and convalescent preferred)

Minimum Volume Required 100 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum needs to be stored at 4°C

Transport Medium Not applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Ship serum at 4°C

Methodology *Brucella* microagglutination test (BMAT)

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Acute and convalescent sera are preferred
No serology available for *B. Canis* or *RB51*
May have poor sensitivity for chronic or complicated brucellosis

Additional Information Acute and convalescent sera are preferred

CDC Points of Contact Robyn Stoddard
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Test Order
Brucella species Study
CDC-10209

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Stodard, Robyn, (404) 639-2053, frd8@cdc.gov
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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei Identification, Genotyping
 and AST
 CDC-10210

Synonym(s)	Glanders, Melioidosis
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates, clinical specimens (blood, bone marrow, sputum or bronchoscopically obtained specimens, abscess material or wound swabs, and urine)
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Agar slants preferred for isolates
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Select agents that have been identified need form 2 approval prior to shipping. Form 2 can be found at http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html Select agents must be shipped Monday through Wednesday to prevent weekend arrivals. Specimens should be shipped at 4°C.
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Biochemicals, Broth Micro Dilution, Multilocus sequence typing (MLST), Multiple-Locus Variable number tandem repeat Analysis (MLVA)
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Turnaround time will vary depending on if an isolate is sent for identification or a specimen is sent for isolation. Identification of isolates generally is completed within 3 days while isolation from specimens and subsequent ID may take up to 10 days. For additional information please refer to the ASM sentinel laboratory guide: http://asm.org/images/pdf/Clinical/Protocols/bpseudomallei2008.pdf
CDC Points of Contact	Mindy Elrod (404) 639-4055 wzg0@cdc.gov David Lonsway (404) 639-2825 dul7@cdc.gov

Test Order
Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei Molecular Detection
 CDC-10211

Synonym(s)	Glanders, Melioidosis
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Blood, bone marrow, sputum or bronchoscopically obtained specimens, abscess material or wound swabs, urine, and serum; blood specimens should be collected in EDTA or Sodium Citrate tubes (not heparin)
Minimum Volume Required	250 uL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Dependent on specimen type
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Select agents that have been identified need form 2 approval prior to shipping. Form 2 can be found at http://www.selectagents.gov/forms.html Select agents must be shipped Monday through Wednesday to prevent weekend arrivals. Specimens should be shipped at 4°C. Select agents must be shipped Monday through Wednesday to prevent weekend arrivals. Agar slants should be shipped at room temperature and specimens at 4°C.
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Blood specimens should be collected in EDTA or Sodium Citrate tubes (not heparin)
Additional Information	For additional information please refer to the ASM sentinel laboratory guide: http://asm.org/images/pdf/Clinical/Protocols/bpseudomallei2008.pdf
CDC Points of Contact	Jay Gee (404) 639-4936 xzg4@cdc.gov Mindy Elrod (404) 639-4055 wzg0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei Study
CDC-10212

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Elrod, Mindy, (404) 639-4055, wzg0@cdc.gov
Gee, Jay, (404) 639-4936, xzg4@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Mindy Elrod
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Test Order
Burkholderia pseudomallei Serology
CDC-10198

Synonym(s) Melioidosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum (acute and convalescent required)

Minimum Volume Required 100 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store serum at 4°C before shipping

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Serum should be shipped at 4°C

Methodology IHA–indirect haemagglutination

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Acute and convalescent are required.

Additional Information Turnaround time may be shorter depending on risk and need

CDC Points of Contact Alex Hoffmaster
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Test Order
Burkholderia spp. ID (Not *B. mallei*/*B. pseudomallei*)
CDC-10144

Synonym(s) *Burkholderia* Identification

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised

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Test Order
Campylobacter and Helicobacter Study
CDC-10125

Synonym(s) *Campy, H. pylori*

Pre-Approval Needed Pruckler, Janet, (404) 639-4770, jmp5@cdc.gov
Dutta, Vikrant, (404) 639-5179, kvi5@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Janet Pruckler
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Test Order
Campylobacter species serology
CDC-10455

Synonym(s) Enteric Pathogen

Pre-Approval Needed Aubert, Rachael, (404) 639-3816, vrl7@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required Date of illness onset, date of serum collection, clinical diagnosis (i.e. Guillain-Barré).

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Paired serum is preferred. Serum is always preferred but plasma is acceptable. Do not pool specimens.

Minimum Volume Required 100 uL (More Preferred)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Maintain serum at 4°C (preferred); frozen specimens acceptable

Transport Medium Separate serum from the clot and ship in a sterile labeled tube with the top tightly closed

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please notify Rachael Aubert (vrl7@cdc.gov, (404) 639-3816) once specimens have been shipped to provide the tracking number.

Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines

Methodology EIA

Turnaround Time 3 Months

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Paired serum specimens always preferred.

Please send one tube per specimen submission form. Submit multiple forms if needed.

CDC Points of Contact Rachael Aubert
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Test Order
Campylobacter, Helicobacter, and Related Organisms
 Identification
 CDC-10126

Synonym(s) *Campy, H. pylori*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is not required for human specimens; Please call for approval prior to sending other specimen types. Provide any preliminary results available.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Ship overnight growth on nonselective blood-based slant/stab (preferably not TSA); screw cap tubes preferred

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines

Methodology Phenotypic Identification, Genetic Identification

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities or due to limited availability of resources.

CDC Points of Contact Janet Pruckler
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Test Order
Campylobacter, Helicobacter, and Related Organisms
Identification and Subtyping
CDC-10127

Synonym(s) *Campy, H. pylori*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is not required for human specimens; Please call for approval prior to sending other specimen types. Provide any preliminary results available.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Ship overnight growth on nonselective blood-based slant/stab (preferably not TSA); screw cap tubes preferred

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines

Methodology Phenotypic Identification, Genetic Identification, Penner Serotyping, PFGE, AST

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Specify type of subtyping requested in 'Previous Laboratory Results' on back of form. Epidemiologic metadata, PulseNet cluster code, and PFGE pattern designation requested if available.

Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities due to limited availability of resources.

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Test Order
Chagas Disease Molecular Detection
CDC-10475

Synonym(s) *Trypanosoma cruzi*; American trypanosomiasis, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood, Heart Biopsy Tissue, and CSF

Minimum Volume Required 2.2 ml (pediatric 0.2 ml)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Collect about 5 ml blood sample in Vacutainer® EDTA tubes prior to anti-parasitic therapy and store at 4°C

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen on wet ice (cold pack) as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Real-time PCR

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Yvonne Qvarnstrom
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Test Order
Chagas Disease Serology
CDC-10458

Synonym(s) *Trypanosoma cruzi*; American trypanosomiasis, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and plasma

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Assay, EIA, ELISA, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Hilda Rivera
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Test Order
Chlamydia trachomatis, Genital – Molecular Detection
CDC-10192

Synonym(s) *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) NAATS, *Chlamydia*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please indicate the product or medium used for storage and/or transport.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Oral pharynx swabs, cervical swabs, vaginal swabs, and rectal swabs collected on any commercially available product, and urine

Minimum Volume Required 5 mL (urine)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Adhere to product insert instructions for swabs

Transport Medium Adhere to product insert instructions for swabs

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on dry ice if previously frozen, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATS)

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Adhere to product insert instructions for swabs

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact John Papp
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Test Order
Chlamydia trachomatis, Genital – Study
CDC-10193

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Papp, John, (404) 639-3785, jwp6@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact John Papp
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Test Order
Chlamydophila pneumoniae Molecular Detection
 CDC-10152

Synonym(s) *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, Atypical pneumonia, CAP, Chlamydia

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Nasopharyngeal (NP) and/or Oropharyngeal (OP) swabs, and any lower respiratory tract specimen including bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) and sputum; tissue, cerebral spinal fluid, isolates and purified nucleic acid; Others upon consultation with laboratory.

Minimum Volume Required Contingent upon specimen type. Please call for consultation

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens can be kept refrigerated if shipped in less than 72 hours of collection; otherwise specimen should be kept frozen. Store swabs in universal transport medium.

Transport Medium Universal transport medium

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
 Refrigerated specimen should be sent on ice packs
 Frozen specimen should be sent on dry ice

Methodology Real–Time PCR

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations Do not use cotton swabs with wooden shafts. Specimen should be acquired prior to antibiotic treatment. Improper specimen storage and handling may result in inconclusive or inaccurate results.

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Jonas Winchell
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Test Order
***Chlamydomphila psittaci* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10153

Synonym(s)	Psittacosis, Parrot fever, <i>Chlamydia psittaci</i>
Pre-Approval Needed	Winchell, Jonas, (404) 639-4921, jwinchell@cdc.gov Diaz, Maureen, (404) 639-4534, mdiaz1@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Nasopharyngeal (NP) and/or Oropharyngeal (OP) swabs, and any lower respiratory tract specimen including bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) and sputum; tissue, cerebral spinal fluid, isolates and purified nucleic acid; Others upon consultation with laboratory.
Minimum Volume Required	Contingent upon specimen type. Please call for consultation
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Tissues should be kept frozen. All other specimens can be kept refrigerated if shipped less than 72 hrs of collection; otherwise specimens should be kept frozen. Store swabs in universal transport medium.
Transport Medium	Universal transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be sent on ice packs Frozen specimen should be sent on dry ice
Methodology	Real Time PCR
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Do not send fixed tissues. Do not use cotton swabs with wooden shafts. Specimen should be acquired prior to antibiotic treatment. Improper specimen storage and handling may result in inconclusive or inaccurate results.
Additional Information	If specimen is not of human origin please contact Dr. Branson Ritchie at the University of Georgia
CDC Points of Contact	Jonas Winchell (404) 639-4921 jwinchell@cdc.gov Maureen Diaz (404) 639-4534 mdiaz1@cdc.gov

Test Order
Chlamydophila psittaci Serology
CDC-10154

Synonym(s) Psittacosis, Parrot fever, *Chlamydia psittaci*

Pre-Approval Needed Winchell, Jonas, (404) 639-4921, jwinchell@cdc.gov
Diaz, Maureen, (404) 639-4534, mdiaz1@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Paired Sera (acute and convalescent)

Minimum Volume Required 2 mL of each serum

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen should be kept frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be sent on dry ice

Methodology Micro-immunofluorescence (MIF)

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations Improper specimen storage and handling may result in inconclusive or inaccurate results

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Jonas Winchell
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Test Order
Chlamydomophila species Study
CDC-10158

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Winchell, Jonas, (404) 639-4921, jwinchell@cdc.gov
Diaz, Maureen, (404) 639-4534, mdiaz1@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Clinical Microbiology Reference Study
CDC-10231

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Rasheed, Kamile, (404) 639-3247, JRasheed@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Clostridium difficile Identification
 CDC-10228

Synonym(s)	<i>C. Difficile</i> ID, <i>C. diff</i>
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolates in suitable anaerobic transport medium (e.g., Chopped Meat Glucose Broth)
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Store anaerobically
Transport Medium	Pure culture isolate in Chopped Meat Glucose Broth, thioglycolate broth or frozen in TSB plus glycerol
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries, as an etiologic agent. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Specimen stored at room temperature should be shipped at room temperature
Methodology	Phenotypic Testing, Molecular Testing
Turnaround Time	28 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	This test does not include strain typing or characterization
CDC Points of Contact	David Lonsway (404) 639-2825 Dlonsway@cdc.gov Kamile Rasheed (404) 639-3247 jkr1@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Clostridium difficile* Outbreak Strain Typing**
CDC-10229

Synonym(s)	<i>C. Difficile</i> Toxin, <i>C. difficile</i> Characterization
Pre-Approval Needed	Rasheed, Kamile, (404) 639-3247, JRasheed@cdc.gov Karlsson, Maria, (404) 639-0698, fwt4@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval and Epidemiologic consultation required.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate. Additional specimen types accepted upon consultation with laboratory
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Store anaerobically
Transport Medium	Pure culture isolate in Chopped Meat Glucose Broth, thioglycolate broth or frozen in TSB plus glycerol
Specimen Labeling	Include date of isolation and unique specimen identifier
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries, as an etiologic agent. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Specimen stored at room temperature should be shipped at room temperature
Methodology	Molecular Strain Typing, Phenotypic Testing
Turnaround Time	28 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Not CLIA compliant testing; for epidemiologic purposes only
CDC Points of Contact	Kamile Rasheed (404) 639-3247 JRasheed@cdc.gov Maria Karlsson (404) 639-0698 fwt4@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Clostridium perfringens* Detection – Foodborne Outbreak**
CDC-10111

Synonym(s) *C. perfringens*

Pre-Approval Needed Luquez, Carolina, (404) 639-0896, fry6@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required Only specimens from foodborne outbreaks accepted. Consult with EDLB contact before sending specimens. Provide any preliminary results available.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates, stool and food. Only specimens from foodborne outbreaks accepted. Consult with Carolina Luquez and Gerry Gomez before sending specimens.

Minimum Volume Required 10 g (stool) and 25 g (food)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Maintain stool and food at 4°C

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please notify Carolina Luquez (fry6@cdc.gov) and Gerry Gomez (goe4@cdc.gov) once specimens have been shipped to provide the tracking number.

Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines

Methodology Toxin Detection in Stool, Culture, PCR

Turnaround Time 2 Months

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Direct toxin detection requires stool specimens

CDC Points of Contact Carolina Luquez
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Gerry Gomez
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Test Order
Congo–Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever Identification
CDC–10302

Synonym(s) CCHF

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639–0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639–1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood, and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to –70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order

Congo–Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever Serology

CDC–10303

Synonym(s)	CCHF
Pre-Approval Needed	Klena, John, (404) 639–0114, irc4@cdc.gov Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639–1124, pyr3@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Blood and serum
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.
Methodology	ELISA
Turnaround Time	10 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity
Additional Information	Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.
CDC Points of Contact	John Klena (404) 639–0114 irc4@cdc.gov Pierre Rollin (404) 639–1124 pyr3@cdc.gov

Test Order
Corynebacterium diphtheriae Study
CDC-10172

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Cassidy, Pam, (404) 639-1231, pxc1@cdc.gov
Tondella, Maria, (404) 639-1239, mlt5@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order

Corynebacterium diphtheriae Toxin – Molecular Detection

CDC-10171

Synonym(s)	Diphtheria, Real Time PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	Cassiday, Pam, (404) 639-1231, pxc1@cdc.gov Tondella, Maria, (404) 639-1239, mlt5@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolates on a suitable agar slant, extracted DNA, or pseudomembrane
Minimum Volume Required	100 uL (DNA)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens should be kept refrigerated or frozen. Use plastic/glass screw-cap, leak-proof vials. Pseudo-membrane should be sent in leak-proof container with saline, not formalin.
Transport Medium	Common transport media such as Amies or Stuart may be used for swabs. Isolates should be sent on blood agar slants or TSA. Pseudo-membrane should be sent in leak-proof container with saline not formalin.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Once specimens are collected they should be shipped to the laboratory as soon as possible, between 24-48 hours. Sender is responsible for shipping charges and when shipping internationally must request CDC's import permit and include this with the Air Waybill. Additionally, the Pertussis/Diphtheria Laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping.
Methodology	Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)
Turnaround Time	5 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Prior antibiotic treatment will adversely affect results. Suboptimal volumes of specimens may adversely affect the sensitivity of tests performed therefore it is very important to obtain an acceptable volume and a quality specimen. Clinical specimens collected subsequent to initiation of antimicrobial treatment may not be positive for <i>Corynebacterium</i> species due to reduction of organisms. Whenever possible, specimens collected prior to administration of antimicrobial agents should be used to determine infection with <i>Corynebacterium</i> species.
Additional Information	Diphtheria Antitoxin (DAT) testing should be performed on the patient prior to requesting molecular testing from CDC. <i>Corynebacterium</i> PCR testing is not currently used for diagnostic purposes for diphtheria and is not considered a confirmatory test.
CDC Points of Contact	Pam Cassiday (404) 639-1231 pxc1@cdc.gov Maria Tondella (404) 639-1239 mlt5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Corynebacterium diphtheriae/ulcerans/pseudotuberculosis ID
 and Toxigenicity
 CDC-10169

Synonym(s)	Diphtheria
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Fresh subculture (24-48 hours old) of a pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Use plastic/glass screw-cap, leak-proof vials. Isolates can be refrigerated on an agar slant or common culture medium or frozen in TSB with glycerol or other liquid medium.
Transport Medium	Common transport medium such as blood agar, TSA, nutrient agar, slants/plates, or frozen
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Once specimens are collected they should be shipped to the laboratory as soon as possible, between 24-48 hours. Sender is responsible for shipping charges and when shipping internationally must request CDC's import permit and include this with the Air Waybill. Additionally, the Pertussis/Diphtheria Laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping.
Methodology	Culture, API Coryne, Elek, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	1 Week
Interferences & Limitations	Isolates passed within 24-48 hours are preferred
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Pam Cassiday (404) 639-1231 pxc1@cdc.gov Maria Tondella (404) 639-1239 mlt5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Corynebacterium diphtheriae/ulcerans/pseudotuberculosis
 Isolation, ID, Toxigenicity
 CDC-10168

Synonym(s)	Diphtheria
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Throat, nasal and wound swabs, pseudo-membrane, and sputum
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Use plastic/glass screw-cap, leak-proof vials. Store refrigerated.
Transport Medium	Common transport media such as Amies or Stuart may be used for swabs. Pseudo-membrane should be sent in leak-proof container with saline not formalin.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Once specimens are collected they should be shipped to the laboratory as soon as possible, between 24-48 hours. Sender is responsible for shipping charges and when shipping internationally must request CDC's import permit and include this with the Air Waybill. Additionally, the Pertussis/Diphtheria Laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping.
Methodology	Culture, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), API Coryne, Elek
Turnaround Time	1 Week
Interferences & Limitations	Prior antibiotic treatment will adversely affect results. Suboptimal volumes of specimens may adversely affect the sensitivity of tests performed therefore it is very important to obtain an acceptable volume and a quality specimen. Clinical specimens collected subsequent to initiation of antimicrobial treatment may not be positive for <i>Corynebacterium</i> species due to reduction of organisms. Whenever possible, specimens collected prior to administration of antimicrobial agents should be used to determine infection with <i>Corynebacterium</i> species.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Pam Cassidy (404) 639-1231 pxc1@cdc.gov Maria Tondella (404) 639-1239 mlt5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Corynebacterium species (Not *C. diphtheriae*) ID
 CDC-10136

Synonym(s)	Diphtheria
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; Consultation required for other sample/specimen types
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Methodology	Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.
Additional Information	If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.
CDC Points of Contact	John McQuiston (404) 639–0270 zje8@cdc.gov Anne Whitney (404) 639–1374 amw0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Coxiella burnetii Molecular Detection
 CDC-10304

Synonym(s)	Q fever
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided: – Suspected Agent – Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.) – Date of illness onset (and time if available) – Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.) – Test requested – Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Acute samples only, anticoagulated whole blood collected in Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) treated tubes preferred; serum; fresh tissue biopsy
Minimum Volume Required	1.0 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.
Transport Medium	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) blood tubes for blood; tissue in a sample collection tube
Specimen Labeling	Patient name and date of birth
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.
Methodology	Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing
Turnaround Time	6 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Hemolysis in whole blood specimen will interfere with results. Multiple freeze thaw cycles and sample storage above refrigerated temperatures will interfere with proper nucleic acid extraction. If a specimen is drawn at convalescence it will reduce the chance of the target organism being present in blood. Avoid collection of blood specimen in heparin tubes.
Additional Information	The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.
CDC Points of Contact	Cecilia Kato (404) 639-1075 ckato@cdc.gov Christopher Paddock (404) 639-1309 cdp9@cdc.gov

Test Order
Coxiella burnetii Serology
 CDC-10305

Synonym(s) Q fever

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided:
 – Suspected Agent
 – Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.)
 – Date of illness onset (and time if available)
 – Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.)
 – Test requested
 – Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum
 –acute (during active stage of illness)
 –convalescent (2–4 weeks after acute stage)

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name and date of birth

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.

Methodology Indirect Fluorescence Assay (IFA)

Turnaround Time 6 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Multiple freeze thaw cycles may interfere with antigen binding. Use sterile technique to avoid contamination of sample as this may compromise the sample and interfere with the ability to get accurate results. Acute and convalescent serum is needed for accurate diagnosis and if unable to collect both please contact laboratory prior to shipping.

Additional Information The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.

CDC Points of Contact Cecilia Kato
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Test Order
Coxiella Special Study
CDC-10306

Synonym(s) Q fever

Pre-Approval Needed Kato, Cecilia, (404) 639-1075, ckato@cdc.gov
Paddock, Christopher, (404) 639-1309, cdp9@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Cecilia Kato
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Test Order
Cryptosporidium Special Study
CDC-10491

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Roellig, Dawn M, (404) 718-4134, iyd4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From None

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
***Cyclospora* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10477

Synonym(s) *Cyclospora cayetenensis*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Stool

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 g or 0.5ml

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Stool collected in absence of preservatives must be kept refrigerated (4°C) or frozen. Stool samples in a PCR-compatible fixative, e.g. TotalFix, UniFix, EcoFix and modified PVA (Zn- or Cu-based), can be kept at room temperature. Alternatively stool specimens can also be mixed in potassium dichromate 2.5% (1:1 dilution) or in absolute ethanol (1:1 dilution).

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship fixed/preserved stool at room temperature. Ship unpreserved stool on wet ice (cold pack) if stored refrigerated or ship frozen (on dry ice) if stored frozen.

Methodology Real-Time PCR

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations Stool specimens fixed in formalin-containing preservatives or LV-PVA are not suitable for molecular studies.

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Yvonne Qvarnstrom
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Test Order
Cysticercosis Antigen ELISA
CDC-10490

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required THIS TEST IS NO LONGER PERFORMED AT CDC

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From None

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen
Type for Testing

Minimum Volume Required

Storage & Preservation of
Specimen Prior to Shipping

Transport Medium

Specimen Labeling

Shipping Instructions which
Include Specimen Handling
Requirements

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations

Additional Information

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Test Order
Cysticercosis Serology
CDC-10459

Synonym(s) Neurocysticercosis, *Taenia solium*, cysitercus, EITB, LLGP-EITB, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, plasma; Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Immunoblot, Western Blot, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Isabel McAuliffe
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Test Order
Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Detection
CDC-10263

Synonym(s) CMV

Pre-Approval Needed Dollard, Shelia, (404) 639-2178, sgd5@cdc.gov
Schmid, Scott, (404) 639-0066, dss1@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Urine, saliva, and blood

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen. Blood should be collected in EDTA or citrate tubes.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Provide a specimen ID. Do not send specimen labeled with patient's name.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday-Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Shelia Dollard
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Scott Schmid
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Test Order
Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Serology
CDC-10264

Synonym(s) CMV

Pre-Approval Needed Dollard, Sheila, (404) 639-2178, sgd5@cdc.gov
Schmid, Scott, (404) 639-0066, dss1@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum or plasma

Minimum Volume Required 500 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Provide a specimen ID. Do not send specimen labeled with patient's name.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday-Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology IgG antibody detected by EIA, IgM antibody detected by EIA

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Sheila Dollard
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Test Order

Dengue Virus Diagnosis

CDC-10307

Synonym(s) Dengue fever, Dengue

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Dengue case investigation form must be filled out- See supplemental Form

Additional Information on submitting specimen and the Spanish version of case investigation form are located at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/dengue/clinicalLab/laboratory.html>

Supplemental Form http://www.cdc.gov/dengue/resources/dengueCaseReports/DCIF_English.pdf

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and others upon consultation with laboratory. The blood sample should be taken in a red-top or tiger-top tube.

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping After blood is allowed to clot, separate serum by centrifugation and keep serum refrigerated at 4°C or frozen at -20°C (preferred).

Citrate (collected in yellow top tubes) and heparin plasma (green top tubes) can be tested by RT-PCR. Violet-top (with EDTA) is not recommended for RT-PCR testing. Violet and or green-top tubes should not be used for serology testing (convalescent sample). Please refer to collection devices manufacturer instructions for more details.

We recommend freezing the serum immediately after it is separated and to send on dry ice. If dry ice is not available, we recommend that the serum is kept refrigerated and delivered to the CDC Dengue Branch in cold packs.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Include complete name, age, and sex of patient, home address, date of onset of symptoms, date sample was obtained, complete name and mailing address of the physician, laboratory, clinic, or hospital

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs

Ship To:
CDC Dengue Branch and Puerto Rico Department of Health
1324 Calle Cañada, San Juan, P. R. 00920-3860

Methodology IgM by ELISA, NS1 Antigen Test, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Viral isolation, IgG seroconversion by ELISA

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations Serological tests can cross react with other Flavivirus, such as West Nile Virus. Recent vaccinations for Yellow Fever Virus and Japanese Encephalitis Virus, Tick-borne Encephalitis Virus can cause cross reactive test results. Natural infections with St. Louis Encephalitis Virus and West Nile can cause cross reactive results. Hemolyzed or contaminated samples are not acceptable for serology testing. EDTA will affect PCR and serology results and Nitrate tubes will affect IgM results.

Test Order
Dengue Virus Diagnosis
CDC-10307

Additional Information To diagnose dengue, the laboratory requires a serum sample obtained during the acute phase of the infection (DPO=0-5). If this sample is negative, then a second convalescent serum sample (that can be taken from day 6 after the onset of symptoms) is required to confirm the case. The case is confirmed with antibody (IgM or IgG) seroconversion. Informing the patient about the importance of returning for a second sample, and providing an appointment for a specific day and hour, will increase the probability of obtaining the second sample. Samples will be rejected if they are sent without form, form without sample, incomplete or illegible form - especially regarding date of onset of symptoms, date of sample collection and samples received more than a month after onset of illness.

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Test Order
Dengue Virus Special Study
CDC-10308

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Hunsperger, Elizabeth, (787) 706-2472, enh4@cdc.gov
Munoz, Jorge, (787) 706-2469, ckq2@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Elizabeth Hunsperger
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Test Order
Ebola Identification
CDC-10309

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood, and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Ebola Serology
CDC-10310

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Echinococcosis Serology
CDC-10460

Synonym(s) Hydatid Disease, *Echinococcus granulosus*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and plasma

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Immunoblot, Western Blot, Antibody detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Isabel McAuliffe
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Test Order

Ehrlichia Molecular Detection

CDC-10499

Synonym(s)	Human monocytic ehrlichiosis and HME
Pre-Approval Needed	Kato, Cecilia, (404) 639-0152, ckato@cdc.gov Paddock, Christopher, (404) 639-1309, cdp9@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suspected Agent - Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.) - Date of illness onset (and time if available) - Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.) - Test requested - Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Acute samples only, anticoagulated whole blood collected in Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) treated tubes preferred; serum; fresh tissue biopsy
Minimum Volume Required	1.0 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.
Transport Medium	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) blood tubes for blood; tissue in a sample collection tube
Specimen Labeling	Patient name and date of birth
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.
Methodology	Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing
Turnaround Time	6 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Hemolysis in whole blood specimen will interfere with results. Multiple freeze thaw cycles and sample storage above refrigerated temperatures will interfere with proper nucleic acid extraction. If a specimen is drawn at convalescence it will reduce the chance of the target organism being present in blood. Avoid collection of blood specimen in heparin tubes.
Additional Information	The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.
CDC Points of Contact	Cecilia Kato (404) 639-0152 ckato@cdc.gov Christopher Paddock (404) 639-1309 cdp9@cdc.gov

Test Order
Ehrlichia Serology
CDC-10311

Synonym(s) Human monocytic ehrlichiosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided:

- Suspected Agent
- Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.)
- Date of illness onset (and time if available)
- Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.)
- Test requested
- Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum
-acute (during active stage of illness)
-convalescent (2-4 weeks after acute stage)

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name and date of birth

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday-Thurseday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.

Methodology Indirect Fluorescence Assay (IFA)

Turnaround Time 6 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Multiple freeze thaw cycles may interfere with antigen binding. Use sterile technique to avoid contamination of sample as this may compromise the sample and interfere with the ability to get accurate results. Acute and convalescent serum is needed for accurate diagnosis and if unable to collect both please contact laboratory prior to shipping.

Additional Information The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.

CDC Points of Contact Cecilia Kato
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Test Order
Ehrlichia Special Study
CDC-10498

Synonym(s) Human monocytic ehrlichiosis and HME

Pre-Approval Needed Kato, Cecilia, (404) 639-0152, ckato@cdc.gov
Paddock, Christopher, (404) 639-1309, cdp9@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology Molecular detection, Serology, Culture, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Other
Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Cecilia Kato
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Christopher Paddock
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Test Order
Entamoeba histolytica/*dispar* Molecular Detection
 CDC-10478

Synonym(s)	Amebiasis, <i>Entameba histolytica</i> , <i>Entameba dispar</i> , parasite
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Stool, liver aspirate
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 g or 0.5 ml
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens collected in the absence of preservatives must be kept refrigerated (4° C) or frozen. Stool samples in a PCR-compatible fixative, e.g. TotalFix, UniFix, EcoFix and modified PVA (Zn- or Cu-based), can be kept at room temperature. Alternatively stool specimens can also be mixed in potassium dichromate 2.5% (1:1 dilution) or in absolute ethanol (1:1 dilution).
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship fixed/preserved specimens at room temperature. Ship unpreserved specimens on wet ice (cold pack) if stored refrigerated or frozen (on dry ice) if stored frozen.
Methodology	Real-Time PCR
Turnaround Time	21 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Specimens fixed in formalin-containing preservatives or LV-PVA are not suitable for molecular studies.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Yvonne Qvarnstrom (404) 718-4123 bvp2@cdc.gov Theresa Benedict (404) 718-4124 tgd5@cdc.gov

Test Order

Enteric Isolation – Primary Specimen

CDC-10106

Synonym(s)	Enteric Pathogen Culture
Pre-Approval Needed	Martin, Haley, (404) 639-1612, hvw0@cdc.gov Fitzgerald, Collette, (404) 639-0838, chf3@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Consult with EDLB contact before sending specimens. Targeted organisms include: <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Shigella</i> , <i>Campylobacter</i> , STEC, pathogenic <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> , <i>Listeria</i> , <i>Vibrio</i> , <i>Cronobacter</i> , and related foodborne and waterborne pathogens. Provide any preliminary results available.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Specimens that are acceptable will be determined upon consultation. Targeted organisms include: <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Shigella</i> , <i>Campylobacter</i> , STEC, pathogenic <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> , <i>Listeria</i> , <i>Vibrio</i> , <i>Cronobacter</i> , and related foodborne and waterborne pathogens.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Storage and preservation are dependent upon consultation
Transport Medium	Transport medium is dependent upon consultation
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Specifics of shipping will depend upon consultation
Methodology	Enrichment, Isolation, Phenotypic Identification (Serotyping), PCR testing for virulence markers
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Haley Martin (404) 639-1612 hvw0@cdc.gov Collette Fitzgerald (404) 639-0838 chf3@cdc.gov

Test Order

Enterovirus Detection and Identification

CDC-10312

Synonym(s)	Enterovirus (EV), coxsackieviruses (CVA) (CVB), Echovirus
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Specimens include stool, serum, throat or nasal swab, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), vesicle fluid or lesion, rectal, or nasopharyngeal (NP)/oropharyngeal (OP) swabs. Fresh or frozen tissues are preferred to Formalin fixed tissues, but will accept both.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	<p>Vesicle fluid, rectal, or nasopharyngeal (NP)/oropharyngeal (OP) swabs: Use only sterile Dacron or rayon swabs with plastic shafts or if available, flocked swabs. Do NOT use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden sticks, as they may contain substances that inactivate some viruses and inhibit some molecular assays. Place the swab immediately into a sterile viral containing 2mL of viral transport media without antibiotics, if possible.</p> <p>Stool: Collect in a clean, dry, leak-proof container.</p> <p>Serum: For each serum specimen, collect whole blood into a serum separator tube (marble or tiger top SST). Allow to clot at room temperature for a minimum of 30 minutes and centrifuge.</p>
Transport Medium	Viral transport medium. If you do not have viral transport media, place the swab into a sterile vial without viral transport media. Aseptically, cut or break applicator sticks off near the tip to permit tightening of the cap. For NP/OP swabs, both swabs can be placed in the same vial, if desired.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	<p>Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice and refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs, as an etiologic agent.</p> <p>Include the full name, title, complete mailing address, email address, telephone, and fax number of the submitter. This will be the person to whom the final report will be mailed to.</p>
Methodology	Molecular techniques
Turnaround Time	10 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Collecting specimens during the first week of illness is ideal although the virus can be shed in stool for several weeks. A specimen set collected in the second week of illness should include a rectal swab or stool sample.
Additional Information	<p>Minimum volume for cell culture is 0.5-1 mL, for CSF is 60 uL, and for fresh frozen tissues is 2 mm².</p> <p>Stool: Stool may be collected within 14 days of symptom onset. Collect 10-20 g of stool in a clean, dry, leak-proof container.</p>

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Enterovirus Detection and Identification
CDC-10312

Serum: For each serum specimen, collect (adults and children > 6kg: 5 mL, children <6kg: 2 mL) of whole blood into a serum separator tube (marble or tiger top SST). A minimum of 1 mL of whole blood is needed for testing of pediatric patients. Allow to clot at room temperature for a minimum of 30 minutes and centrifuge.

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Test Order
Entomology Special Study
CDC-10494

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Lawrence, Gena, (404) 718-4315, geg7@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Gena Lawrence
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Test Order
Environmental Microbiology Study
CDC-10232

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Noble-Wang, Judith, (404) 639-2321, cux2@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Judith Noble-Wang
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Test Order
Epstein Barr Virus (EBV) Detection
CDC-10265

Synonym(s) EBV

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Saliva, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or blood

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen. Blood should be collected in EDTA or citrate tubes.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Provide a specimen ID. Do not send specimen labeled with patient's name.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday–Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Scott Schmid
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Test Order
Escherichia and *Shigella* Identification, Serotyping, and
 Virulence Profiling
 CDC-10114

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval is not required for human specimens; Please call for approval prior to sending other specimen types. Provide any preliminary results available
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Store and ship isolates at ambient temperatures not to exceed 35°C or at 4°C. Isolates held for more than a month should be frozen. Ship in compliance with Federal and local guidelines. Shiga toxin-positive bacteria should be shipped as Category A Infectious Substances.
Transport Medium	Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines. Shiga toxin-positive bacteria should be shipped as Category A Infectious Substances.
Methodology	Phenotypic Identification, Genetic Identification, Serotyping and Virulence Profiling, PCR for STEC and other pathotype-specific virulence genes
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Virulence and serotype modification genes encoded by mobile genetic elements (bacteriophages, plasmids and pathogenicity islands) may be spontaneously lost during transit and storage. Conditions that induce a stress response in the bacterium can affect the stability of virulence factors.
Additional Information	Specify type of subtyping requested in 'Previous Laboratory Results' on back of form. Epidemiologic metadata, PulseNet cluster code, and PFGE pattern designation requested if available. Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities or due to limited availability of resources.
CDC Points of Contact	Nancy Strockbine (404) 639-4186 nas6@cdc.gov Devon Stripling (404) 639-2251 euo4@cdc.gov

Test Order
Escherichia and *Shigella* Study
CDC-10115

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Strockbine, Nancy, (404) 639-4186, nas6@cdc.gov
Stripling, Devon, (404) 639-2251, euo4@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing As directed by study protocol

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ship as directed by study protocol in compliance with Federal and local guidelines. Shiga toxin-positive bacteria should be shipped as Category A Infectious Substances.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight growth on nonselective slant/stab such as TSA, HIA, etc.; screw cap tubes preferred or as directed by the study protocol.

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations Virulence and serotype modification genes encoded by mobile genetic elements (bacteriophages, plasmids and pathogenicity islands) may be spontaneously lost during transit and storage. Conditions that induce a stress response in the bacterium can affect the stability of virulence factors.

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Nancy Strockbine
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Test Order
Escherichia coli (STEC) serology (not serotyping)
 CDC-10452

Synonym(s)	Enteric Pathogen
Pre-Approval Needed	Aubert, Rachael, (404) 639-3816, vrl7@cdc.gov Korth, Michael, (404) 639-2099, mqk8@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Date of illness onset, date of serum collection, clinical diagnosis. Indicate if patient has HUS and onset date. If patient has undergone plasmaphoresis indicate date on submission form.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Paired serum is preferred. Serum is always preferred but plasma is acceptable. Do not pool specimens.
Minimum Volume Required	100 uL (More Preferred)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Maintain serum at 4°C (preferred); frozen specimens acceptable.
Transport Medium	Separate serum from the clot and ship in a sterile labeled tube with the top tightly closed
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please notify Rachael Aubert (vrl7@cdc.gov, (404) 639-3816) once specimens have been shipped to provide the tracking number. Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines
Methodology	EIA
Turnaround Time	3 Months
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Paired serum specimens always preferred. Please send one tube per specimen submission form. Submit multiple forms if needed.
CDC Points of Contact	Rachael Aubert (404) 639-3816 vrl7@cdc.gov Michael Korth (404) 639-2099 mqk8@cdc.gov

Test Order

Escherichia coli and *Shigella* Subtyping

CDC-10116

Synonym(s) *E. coli* Typing, *Shigella* Typing

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Isolates should be identified to the species level by the sender. Provide any preliminary results available. Indicate subtyping method(s) requested on specimen submission form

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store isolates at ambient temperatures not to exceed 35°C or at 4°C. Isolates held for more than a month should be frozen

Transport Medium Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines. Shiga toxin-positive bacteria should be shipped as Category A Infectious Substances.

Methodology Phenotypic Serotyping, Genetic Serotyping, Virulence Profiling, AST, PFGE, MLVA

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Virulence and serotype modification genes encoded by mobile genetic elements (bacteriophages, plasmids and pathogenicity islands) may be spontaneously lost during transit and storage. Conditions that induce a stress response in the bacterium can affect the stability of virulence factors and may affect the expression of O and H antigens.

Additional Information Specify type of subtyping requested in 'Previous Laboratory Results' on back of form. Epidemiologic metadata, PulseNet cluster code, and PFGE pattern designation requested if available.

Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities or due to limited availability of resources.

CDC Points of Contact Nancy Strockbine
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Test Order
Filariasis Serology
CDC-10462

Synonym(s) *Brugia malayi*, *Wuchereria bancrofti*; Bancroftian filariasis, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum or Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology EIA, ELISA, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Isabel McAuliffe
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ibm4@cdc.gov
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Test Order
Francisella tularensis Culture and Identification
 CDC-10313

Synonym(s)	Tularemia
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Please include submitting agency, contact name, address, phone number, specimen identifier, patient name, specimen source and type, sex and date of birth, symptoms of onset, sample collection date, and clinical information including type and date of treatment patient has received.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Human: lymph node aspirate, sputum, bronchial/tracheal wash, pleural fluid, blood, ulcer swab, biopsy/autopsy specimens (sections of lymph node, lung, liver, spleen); Animal: Necropsy specimen (lymph node, lung, liver or spleen).
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Store specimens containing suspected live bacteria at 2°–8°C to maintain viability. If processing is delayed, tissue samples can be directly frozen at –70°C. Store samples for culture of live bacteria without preservatives (formaldehyde, alcohol), at 2°–8°C (not frozen). Anticoagulants such as heparin, citrate and EDTA are acceptable because they do not inhibit the viability of bacteria.
Transport Medium	Respiratory specimens, lymph node aspirates, blood, tissue/biopsy/autopsy/necropsy specimens should all be transported at 4°C. Swabs must be in a Cary–Blair or Amies medium, not frozen. If tissue biopsy/autopsy/necropsy transport is delayed, tissue samples can be directly frozen at –70°C.
Specimen Labeling	Specimen identifier and patient name
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. All packages must be addressed to: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Bacterial Diseases Branch Attn: John Young 3156 Rampart Road Fort Collins, CO 80521 Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs
Methodology	Culture, Direct Fluorescent Antibody (DFA), Biochemical subtyping
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Samples for testing by culture should be taken prior to antibiotic treatment
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Jeannine Petersen (970) 266–3524 nzp0@cdc.gov Marty Schriefer (970) 221–6479 mms7@cdc.gov

Test Order
Francisella tularensis Serology
CDC-10314

Synonym(s) Tularemia

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please include submitting agency, contact name, address, phone number, specimen identifier, patient name, specimen source and type, sex and date of birth, symptoms of onset, sample collection date, and clinical information including type and date of treatment patient has received.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 500 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Sera may be stored at 2°-8°C for up to 14 days. If testing is delayed for a longer period, serum samples may be frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Specimen identifier and patient name

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. All packages must be addressed to:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Bacterial Diseases Branch
Attn: John Young
3156 Rampart Road
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs

Methodology Microagglutination

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed samples interfere with test results

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Jeannine Petersen
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Test Order
Francisella tularensis Special Study
CDC-10315

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Petersen, Jeannine, (970) 266-3524, nzp0@cdc.gov
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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Jeannine Petersen
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Test Order
Fungal Identification
CDC-10179

Synonym(s) Fungal identification, mold identification, yeast identification

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Isolates can be refrigerated or kept at an ambient temperature

Transport Medium Isolates should be on a suitable agar slant

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Specimen should be shipped at ambient temperature

Methodology Phenotypic Testing, DNA Sequencing

Turnaround Time 4 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Mary Brandt
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Test Order
Fungal Serology – *Basidiobolus*
CDC-10183

Synonym(s) Fungal serology; fungal complement fixation; fungal immunodiffusion

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum; CSF. Plasma is not accepted

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be kept either refrigerated or frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen at 4°C should be shipped on cold packs
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Methodology Complement Fixation, Immunodiffusion

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolysis and lipidemia may interfere with the test results

Additional Information Serum should be prepared as soon as possible after drawing blood to prevent hemolysis

CDC Points of Contact Mary Brandt
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Test Order
Fungal Serology – *Histoplasma, Blastomyces, Coccidioides*
CDC-10180

Synonym(s)	Fungal serology, fungal complement fixation, fungal immunodiffusion	
Pre-Approval Needed	None	
Supplemental Information Required	None	
Supplemental Form	None	
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum; CSF. Plasma is not accepted	
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens should be kept either refrigerated or frozen	
Transport Medium	Not Applicable	
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen at 4°C should be shipped on cold packs Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice	
Methodology	Complement Fixation, Immunodiffusion	
Turnaround Time	4 Weeks	
Interferences & Limitations	Hemolysis and lipidemia may interfere with the test results	
Additional Information	Serum should be prepared as soon as possible after drawing blood to prevent hemolysis	
CDC Points of Contact	Mary Brandt (404) 639-0281 mbb4@cdc.gov Mark Lindsley (404) 639-4340 mil6@cdc.gov	Shawn Lockhart (404) 639-2569 gyi2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Fungal Serology – *Paracoccidioides*
CDC-10184

Synonym(s)	Fungal serology; fungal complement fixation; fungal immunodiffusion	
Pre-Approval Needed	None	
Supplemental Information Required	None	
Supplemental Form	None	
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum; CSF. Plasma is not accepted	
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens should be kept either refrigerated or frozen	
Transport Medium	Not Applicable	
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen at 4°C should be shipped on cold packs Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice	
Methodology	Complement Fixation, Immunodiffusion	
Turnaround Time	4 Weeks	
Interferences & Limitations	Hemolysis and lipidemia may interfere with the test results	
Additional Information	Serum should be prepared as soon as possible after drawing blood to prevent hemolysis	
CDC Points of Contact	Mary Brandt (404) 639-0281 mbb4@cdc.gov Mark Lindsley (404) 639-4340 mil6@cdc.gov	Shawn Lockhart (404) 639-2569 gyi2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Fungal Serology – *Sporothrix*
CDC-10182

Synonym(s)	Fungal serology, fungal complement fixation, fungal immunodiffusion, latex agglutination for <i>Sporothrix</i>	
Pre-Approval Needed	None	
Supplemental Information Required	None	
Supplemental Form	None	
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum; CSF. Plasma is not accepted	
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens should be kept either refrigerated or frozen	
Transport Medium	Not Applicable	
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen at 4°C should be shipped on cold packs Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice	
Methodology	Complement Fixation, Immunodiffusion, Latex Agglutination	
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks	
Interferences & Limitations	Hemolysis and lipidemia may interfere with the test results	
Additional Information	Serum should be prepared as soon as possible after drawing blood to prevent hemolysis	
CDC Points of Contact	Mary Brandt (404) 639-0281 mbb4@cdc.gov Mark Lindsley (404) 639-4340 mil6@cdc.gov	Shawn Lockhart (404) 639-2569 gyi2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Fungal Study
CDC-10181

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Lockhart, Shawn, (404) 639-2569, gyi2@cdc.gov
Brandt, Mary, (404) 639-0281, mbb4@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Not Applicable

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Shawn Lockhart
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Test Order
Gastroenteritis Virus Special Study
CDC-10316

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Vinje, Jan, (404) 639-3721, ahx8@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Genital Ulcer Disease (Syphilis, Chancroid, Herpes) Molecular
Detection
CDC-10174

Synonym(s)	GUD
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Ulcer swabs, FFPE tissues or frozen tissues, and aspirates from ulcer or buboes
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	FFPE can be kept at room temperature and swabs and other specimens should be kept frozen
Transport Medium	Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) commercial transport medium, PBS, Saline or TRIS buffer
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship FFPE at room temperature and frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	PCR
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Cheng Chen (404) 639-3154 cyc1@cdc.gov Kai Chi (404) 639-0694 krc2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Gram Negative Bacillus (Non-enteric/Nonfermenter) ID
CDC-10135

Synonym(s) GNR, Gram Negative Rod

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; Consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

CDC Points of Contact John McQuiston
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Test Order
Gram Negative Coccus (Not GC or *meningococcus*) ID
CDC-10138

Synonym(s) *Neisseria* Identification, GNC

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; Consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

CDC Points of Contact John McQuiston
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Test Order
Gram Positive Bacillus ID
CDC-10137

Synonym(s) Gram Positive Rod Identification, GPB, GPR

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; Consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

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Test Order

Haemophilus influenzae Identification and Serotyping

CDC-10221

Synonym(s) *H. influenzae* ID and SAST, H. flu

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate, frozen stock, primary specimen such as CSF, whole blood, serum, and other sterile site specimen types upon consultation.

Minimum Volume Required 0.25 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store slants at an ambient temperature. Primary specimens or stocks should be kept frozen.

Transport Medium Preferred medium include chocolate agar slants or frozen stocks. If possible, for the shipment of 10 or more specimens, please ship frozen stocks.

Specimen Labeling Tests subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Label ABCs/Enhanced Surveillance specimens with the state ID & accession number.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. May ship on Fridays with prior approval only. Frozen specimens should be shipped on dry ice.

Methodology Growth, Morphology, Biochemical Testing, Slide Agglutination Serotyping, Real-time PCR

Turnaround Time 30 Days

Interferences & Limitations Improperly temperature controlled specimens/isolates can give false negative results.

Additional Information Turnaround time: 30 days for real-time PCR testing of clinical specimens; 90 days for testing of enhanced surveillance submissions

CDC Points of Contact

Melissa Whaley (404) 639-3920 dbq3@cdc.gov Laurel Jenkins (404) 639-1340 kent9@cdc.gov	Meningitis Laboratory (404) 639-1380
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Test Order
Haemophilus influenzae Study
 CDC-10222

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Wang, Xin, (404) 639-5474, gqe8@cdc.gov
 Briere, Elizabeth, (404) 639-0732, ejc0@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required Brief description of study or surveillance program.
 Supplemental Form Required: CDC Meningitis Laboratory: Molecular Typing Request Submission Form (provided upon request by CDC Meningitis Laboratory).

Supplemental Form

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate or frozen stock.

Minimum Volume Required N/A

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store slants at ambient temperature. Stocks should be kept frozen.

Transport Medium Chocolate agar slants or frozen stocks.

Specimen Labeling Tests subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. May ship on Fridays with prior approval only.

Methodology Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE), Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST), other testing

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Xin Wang
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Test Order
Haemophilus species (Not *H. influenzae*/*H. ducreyi*) ID
 CDC-10141

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; Consultation required for other sample/specimen types
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Methodology	Biochemical analysis Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.
Additional Information	If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.
CDC Points of Contact	John McQuiston (404) 639–0270 zje8@cdc.gov Anne Whitney (404) 639–1374 amw0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Hantavirus (No. American) Identification
 CDC-10319

Synonym(s)	Hanta, HPS, HFRS
Pre-Approval Needed	Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Frozen tissue, blood, and serum
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.
Methodology	Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	10 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.
Additional Information	Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.
CDC Points of Contact	John Klena (404) 639-0114 irc4@cdc.gov Pierre Rollin (404) 639-1124 pyr3@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Hantavirus* (So. American) Identification**
CDC-10320

Synonym(s) Hanta, HPS, HFRS

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood, serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Testing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Hantavirus Serology
CDC-10321

Synonym(s) Hanta, HPS, HFRS, Hantaan

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order

Healthcare-associated Outbreak Identification and Typing

CDC-10162

Synonym(s)	Healthcare Outbreak or Nosocomial Outbreak
Pre-Approval Needed	Noble-Wang, Judith, (404) 639-2321, cux2@cdc.gov Moulton-Meissner, Heather, (404) 639-4864, ftw2@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Supplemental Line List required contact laboratory for more information
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolates and primary environmental specimen (swabs, wipes, water and other fluids, medical devices). In addition, fluids and products used for patient care.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature until ready for shipping
Transport Medium	Use an agar slant not a agar plate for isolates
Specimen Labeling	No patient identifiers. Please include specimen identifiers on Line List
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship isolates at ambient temperatures and ship environmental specimens on cold-packs. Ship overnight, Monday through Thursday, for delivery within 24 hours of collection.
Methodology	Phenotypic and Molecular Identification, PFGE, Culture, Other
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Holding environmental samples at room temperature >1 hour after collection may decrease recovery. Neutralization of chlorine residual in potable water is necessary during collection.
Additional Information	Turnaround time for nontuberculosis mycobacteria may take up to 8 weeks. Criteria for submission: -Prior consultation with CDC/DHQP Prevention and Response Branch on epidemiological investigation. Contact info: haioutbreak@cdc.gov or 404-639-4000. -If healthcare facility will be submitting samples directly to CDC they must receive prior approval from State Health Department. Provide State Health Department contact information. -For isolate submission, include the test method that was used to identify the specimen in the "Previous Laboratory Results/Comments" section.
CDC Points of Contact	Heather Moulton-Meissner (404) 639-4864 ftw2@cdc.gov Judith Noble-Wang (404) 639-2321 cux2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Helicobacter pylori Special Study
CDC-10117

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Rudolph, Karen, (907) 729-3454, kmr2@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Gastric biopsy

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store at -70°C

Transport Medium Cysteine Freeze media

Specimen Labeling Specimen ID number and area of stomach e.g. antrum or fundus

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship on dry ice

Methodology Culture

Turnaround Time 15 Days

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information Please provide shipping information to CDC Points of Contact prior to shipping specimens

CDC Points of Contact Karen Rudolph
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Test Order
Hendra Serology
CDC-10324

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Hepatitis A Serology, NAT and Genotyping
CDC-10325

Synonym(s) HAV, Hepatitis A virus

Pre-Approval Needed Drobeniuc, Jan, (404) 639-3790, jqd6@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, EDTA plasma, stool

Minimum Volume Required 1.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be stored frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Methodology Total anti-HAV by Chemiluminescence, IgM anti-HAV by Chemiluminescence, HAV RNA, HAV Genotyping by NAT P2B Sequencing

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed specimen are not accepted

Additional Information NAT based assays and genotyping may take up to 3 weeks for turn around time

CDC Points of Contact Jan Drobeniuc
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Test Order
Hepatitis B Serology, NAT and Genotyping
CDC-10326

Synonym(s) HBV, Hepatitis B virus

Pre-Approval Needed Drobeniuc, Jan, (404) 639-3790, jqd6@cdc.gov
Kamili, Saleem, (404) 639-4431, sek6@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, EDTA plasma.
Note: For Quantitative anti-HBs test – Serum only

Minimum Volume Required 2 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be stored frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Methodology HBsAg by EIA, IgM anti-HBc by Chemiluminescence, Total anti-HBc by Chemiluminescence, Anti-HBs by Chemiluminescence, HBeAg by Chemiluminescence, Anti-Hbe by EIA, HBV DNA by TaqMan IVD, HBV Genotyping by NAT S Gene Sequencing

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed specimen are not accepted

Additional Information NAT based assays and genotyping may take up to 3 weeks for turn around time

CDC Points of Contact Jan Drobeniuc
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Test Order
Hepatitis B Surface Antigen Confirmatory Test
CDC-10451

Synonym(s) HBV, Hepatitis B virus

Pre-Approval Needed Drobenuic, Jan, (404) 639-3790, jqd6@cdc.gov
Kamili, Saleem, (404) 639-4431, sek6@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, EDTA Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 300uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be stored frozen at -20°C

Transport Medium None

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Neutralization

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Do not send whole blood or hemolyzed serum

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Hepatitis C Serology, NAT and Genotyping
CDC-10327

Synonym(s) HCV, Hepatitis C virus

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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, EDTA Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 2 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be stored frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Methodology Anti-HCV by Chemiluminescence, HCV RNA by TaqMan IVD, HCV Genotyping by NAT NS5B Gene Sequencing

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed specimen are not accepted

Additional Information NAT based assays and genotyping may take up to 3 weeks for turn around time

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Test Order
Hepatitis D Serology, NAT and Genotyping
CDC-10328

Synonym(s) HDV, Hepatitis D virus

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Supplemental Information Required None

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Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, EDTA Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 2 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be stored frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Methodology Total anti-HDV by EIA, HDV RNA by Real Time qRT-PCR, HDV Genotyping by direct sequence analysis

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed specimen are not accepted

Additional Information NAT based assays and genotyping may take up to 3 weeks for turn around time

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Test Order
Hepatitis E Serology, NAT and Genotyping
CDC-10329

Synonym(s) HEV, Hepatitis E virus

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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HEV/LabTestingRequests.htm>

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, EDTA plasma, and stool

Minimum Volume Required 2 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be stored frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Methodology IgM anti-HEV by EIA, IgG anti-HEV by EIA, HEV RNA by Real Time qRT-PCR, HEV Genotyping by direct sequence analysis

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed specimen are not accepted

Additional Information NAT based assays and genotyping may take up to 3 weeks for turn around time

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Test Order
Hepatitis Outbreak Investigation
CDC-10330

Synonym(s) HAV, HBV, HCV, HDV, HEV, Hepatitis A virus, Hepatitis B virus, Hepatitis C virus, Hepatitis D virus, Hepatitis E virus

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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Not Applicable

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements None

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Hepatitis Special Study
CDC-10331

Synonym(s) None

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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements None

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Herpes Simplex Virus 1 Detection
CDC-10258

Synonym(s) Oral herpes

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Skin lesion, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or saliva

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL (saliva)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Skin lesions should be kept dry and saliva can be kept either refrigerated or frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight on cold packs or dry ice. Skin lesions should be shipped dry. Ship as an etiologic agent. See standard shipping instructions for biologic agent

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 2 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Herpes Simplex Virus 1 Serology
CDC-10259

Synonym(s) Oral herpes

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, plasma, or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday–Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology IgG antibody detected by EIA

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Herpes Simplex Virus 2 Detection
CDC-10260

Synonym(s) Genital herpes

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From None

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Skin lesion, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or saliva

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL (saliva)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen. Skin lesions should be kept dry.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight on cold packs or dry ice. Skin lesions should be shipped dry. Ship as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 2 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Herpes Simplex Virus 2 Serology
CDC-10261

Synonym(s) Genital herpes

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, plasma, or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday–Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology IgG antibody detected by EIA

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Herpesvirus Encephalitis Panel
CDC-10262

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), saliva, whole blood, or skin lesions

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen. Blood should be collected in EDTA or citrate tubes. Skin lesions should be kept dry.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday –Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for VZV, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for HSV1, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for HSV2, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for EBV, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) for HHV6

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Herpesvirus Special Study
CDC-10270

Synonym(s) None

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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
HIV antigen/antibody Combo
CDC-10485

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum or Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping 2 days at ambient temperature; 7 days at 2–8°C. Specimens should be stored at –20°C for long-term storage and should not have more than 4 freeze/thaw cycles.

Transport Medium

Specimen Labeling Specimens and accompanying submission forms require 2 unique identifiers. Identifiers that protect the identity of the individual are preferred

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements For best results, specimens should be shipped frozen on dry ice for overnight delivery to the HIV reference laboratory.

Methodology EIA

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations Do not heat inactivate specimens

Additional Information None

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Test Order
HIV Molecular Surveillance Study (International Only)
CDC-10332

Synonym(s)	None
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Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	To be determined
Minimum Volume Required	To be determined
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	To be determined
Transport Medium	To be determined
Specimen Labeling	All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form. Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	To be determined
Methodology	
Turnaround Time	
Interferences & Limitations	To be determined
Additional Information	To be determined
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Test Order
HIV Serology NHANES
CDC-10279

Synonym(s)	HIV ELISA, HIV antibody
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum and/or plasma. The following anticoagulants are acceptable: EDTA, sodium citrate, CPD, CPDA-1, and ACD. SST and PPT are also acceptable.
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens may be stored at 2-8°C for 7 days. Long-term storage should be at -20°C or colder and specimens should not have incurred more than 5 freeze-thaw cycles.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Specimens and accompanying submission forms require 2 unique identifiers. Identifiers that protect the identity of the individual are preferred
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA), Western Blot, Rapid Test
Turnaround Time	21 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
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Test Order
HIV Serology Study (International Only)
CDC-10333

Synonym(s)	None
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Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	To be determined
Minimum Volume Required	To be determined
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	To be determined
Transport Medium	To be determined
Specimen Labeling	All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form. Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	To be determined
Methodology	
Turnaround Time	
Interferences & Limitations	To be determined
Additional Information	To be determined
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Test Order
HIV Special Study
CDC-10278

Synonym(s) None

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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
HIV-1 Drug Resistance Special Study (International Only)
CDC-10334

Synonym(s)	None
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Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	To be determined
Minimum Volume Required	To be determined
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	To be determined
Transport Medium	To be determined
Specimen Labeling	All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form. Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	To be determined
Methodology	
Turnaround Time	
Interferences & Limitations	To be determined
Additional Information	To be determined
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Test Order

HIV-1 Genotype Drug Resistance (International Only)

CDC-10335

	Synonym(s) HIV DR, HIV, HIV Sequencing, HIV Susceptibility
Pre-Approval Needed	Yang, Chunfu, (404) 639-4975, cxy0@cdc.gov DeVos, Joshua, (404) 639-5442, ext8@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Specimens must be accompanied with complete requisition form(s). Plasma or Serum: CDC Form 0.753: Application for Permit to Import or Transport Etiological Agents, Hosts, or Vectors of Human Disease and Requisition Form Dried Blood Spots: Requisition Form
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Plasma, serum, and dried blood spots (DBS). Dried blood spots should be least 4 saturated 13mm circles (preferably 5) containing 100 µL of whole blood.
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL (Plasma or Serum)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	For plasma or serum keep frozen at -65°C to -80°C for 6 months. Use the appropriate anticoagulant (EDTA). Dried blood spots should be kept at an ambient temperature (15°-35°C) for testing performed within 14 days and frozen at -70°C or colder if testing is not performed within 14 days.
Transport Medium	Plasma or serum should be transported in a 1.5 - 2.0 mL polypropylene tube with screw cap and O-ring. Transport specimens in frozen conditions using dry ice or liquid nitrogen. Dried blood spots should each be wrapped with a folded sheet of glassine paper. Stack 5-10 glassine paper-wrapped cards into a gas-impermeable, sealable, plastic bag containing 5-10 desiccant packs to remove residual moisture along with one humidity indicator card. Ensure the specimen identification is clearly written on both the DBS card and on the plastic bag. Ensure the humidity indicator can be read without opening the bag. Gently apply pressure to the partially sealed bag to expel the air before sealing it completely. Place 5-10 of the above small bags into a large plastic bag.
Specimen Labeling	All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form. Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	For shipments that are in transit for up to 14 days, maintain at ambient temperature (20°-30°C) and for greater than 14 days, maintain temperature at -20°C or colder with dry ice.
Methodology	Identification of mutations within HIV-1 pol gene region, Sequencing
Turnaround Time	24 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Do not use heparin as an anticoagulant. Plasma and serum should not be used

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HIV-1 Genotype Drug Resistance (International Only)
CDC-10335

after more than 2 freeze-thaw cycles. Plasma or serum will be rejected if improperly labeled or unlabeled, or with discrepant documentation, insufficient volume, without documentation, unacceptable preservatives, and specimen that have leaked in transit or otherwise shown evidence of contamination.

Dried blood spots will be rejected if improperly labeled or unlabeled, without documentation or with discrepant documentation, without humidity indicators and desiccants, demonstrating any indication of humidity in the zip lock bags, insufficient volume for testing, improperly collected, containing blood clots or clumps, with a halo around the blood spot indicating contamination, if specimen are congruent or show evidence of commingling and collected onto inappropriate filter paper.

Additional Information The In-house assay may not detect minor viral species that constitute less than 20% of the circulating virus population. Consultation with an expert in HIV drug resistance is encouraged to facilitate interpretation of genotype test results, and to evaluate which mutations and/or combinations of mutations are associated with drug resistance.

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Test Order
HIV-1 Nucleic Acid Amplification (Qualitative)
CDC-10275

Synonym(s)	HIV NAAT
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum, plasma or whole blood. Specimens may be collected EDTA, ACD sodium citrate, PPT, or serum tubes. Follow sample tube manufacturer's instructions
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen stability is affected by elevated temperature. Whole blood, plasma or serum may be stored for up to 72 hours from time of draw at <= 25°C; temperatures not to exceed 30°C are acceptable for no more than 24 hours. Specimens may be stored an additional five days at 2 to 8°C following centrifugation. Plasma separated from the cells may be stored for longer periods of time at <= 20°C before testing. Do not freeze whole blood. Long-term storage of serum has not been evaluated.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Specimens and accompanying submission forms require 2 unique identifiers. Identifiers that protect the identity of the individual are preferred
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Keep specimen at room temperature. If frozen, specimen should be shipped on dry ice.
Methodology	Nucleic acid amplification
Turnaround Time	21 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Collections in heparin coated tubes are unacceptable due to heparin interference with nucleic acid amplification
Additional Information	For RNA testing, separate the plasma by centrifugation and freeze (-70°C is optimal, -20°C acceptable) as soon as possible after separation (min volume of 1mL of plasma is required, 5 mLs is optimal). For DNA amplification, (required for HIV-2), freeze the cell pellet after plasma separation (-70°C is optimal, -20°C acceptable). Indicate the original volume of blood used to generate the pellet on the shipping form. If blood separation is not possible, tubes may be shipped overnight at ambient temperature.
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Test Order
HIV-1 Nucleic Acid Amplification (Viral Load)
CDC-10276

Synonym(s)	HIV RNA-PCR, HIV RT-PCR, HIV Roche Viral load, HIV Cobas, HIV Abbot Viral load, HIV NAAT
Pre-Approval Needed	Granade, Tim, (404) 639-3850, txg1@cdc.gov Owen, Michele, (404) 639-1046, smo2@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Plasma collected in EDTA anticoagulant. Follow manufacturer's instructions for proper collection.
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Fresh whole blood may be held at 15-30°C for up to 6 hours or at 2-8°C for up to 24 hours. After centrifugation, plasma may be stored at 15-30°C for up to 24 hours and at 2-8°C for up to 5 days. Plasma may be frozen at -20°C for up to 6 weeks (42 days); longer storage should be at -70°C or colder. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided and should not exceed 3 cycles
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Specimens and accompanying submission forms require 2 unique identifiers. Identifiers that protect the identity of the individual are preferred
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Keep specimen at room temperature. If frozen, specimen should be shipped on dry ice.
Methodology	Real time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)
Turnaround Time	21 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Collections in heparin coated tubes are unacceptable due to heparin interference with PCR amplification.
Additional Information	For RNA testing, separate the plasma by centrifugation and freeze (-70°C is optimal, -20°C acceptable) as soon as possible after separation (min volume of 1 mL of plasma is required, 5 mL is optimal).
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Test Order

HIV-1 PCR (International Only) Qualitative

CDC-10336

Synonym(s)	HIV, EID, PMTCT, Early infant diagnostic, DNA
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Supplemental Information Required	Specimens must be accompanied with complete requisition form(s)
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Dried Blood Spots (DBS). At least 4 saturated 13mm circles (preferably 5) containing 50-100 µL of whole blood including capillary blood obtained by finger/toe/heel stick which is dropped directly onto the DBS card.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	The appropriate anticoagulant for DBS whole blood collection is EDTA. Dried blood spots should be kept at an ambient temperature (15°-35°C) for testing performed within 14 days and frozen at -70°C if testing is not performed within 14 days.
Transport Medium	Transport specimen in a gas impermeable plastic bag with desiccant and humidity indicator card. Each DBS card needs to be packaged separately.
Specimen Labeling	All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form. Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	For shipments that are in transit for up to 14 days, maintain at ambient temperature (15°-35°C) and shipments that are in transit for greater than 14 days, maintain temperature at -20°C or colder with dry ice.
Methodology	Qualitative PCR
Turnaround Time	28 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Do not use heparin as an anticoagulant. Specimen will be rejected if improperly labeled or unlabeled, without documentation or with discrepant documentation, without humidity indicators and desiccants, demonstrating any indication of humidity in the zip lock bags, insufficient volume for testing, improperly collected, containing blood clots or clumps, with a halo around the blood spot indicating contamination, if specimen are congruent or show evidence of commingling and collected onto inappropriate filter paper.
Additional Information	A test result of "HIV-1 Not Detected" or "Target not detected", does not rule out necessarily HIV-1 DNA for the Amplicor test or HIV-1 RNA and DNA for the COBAS AmpliPrep platform. Either nucleic acid (HIV-1 DNA/RNA) concentrations below the limit of detection of the assays, the presence of PCR inhibitors in the patient specimen or improper specimen handling can lead to false negative results. PCR may not detect infection in the first weeks of infant's life (< 6 weeks) or within 6 weeks of weaning. HIV-1 may not be detected immediately after exposure. The diagnosis of HIV-1 infection is based on clinical presentation and results from additional diagnostic tests such as DNA PCR. Diagnosis should

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HIV-1 PCR (International Only) Qualitative
CDC-10336

not be based solely on a single HIV-1 test. False positive test results may be caused by PCR contamination.
NOTE: If a specific testing platform is required, requests must be submitted and reviewed by the team lead.

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Test Order

HIV-1 PCR (International Only) Quantitative Viral Load

CDC-10337

Synonym(s)	HIV, VL, RNA
Pre-Approval Needed	Hurlston, MacKenzie, (404) 639-1281, wpd9@cdc.gov Diallo, Karidia, (404) 639-3568, edu9@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Specimens must be accompanied with complete requisition form(s). CDC Form 0.753: Application for Permit to Import or Transport Etiological Agents, Hosts, or Vectors of Human Disease and Requisition Form
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Plasma
Minimum Volume Required	0.2 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	The appropriate anticoagulant for whole blood collection is EDTA. Specimen should be kept at ambient temperature (20°-35°C) within 14 days after collection, but frozen at -70°C if testing is to be performed after 14 days.
Transport Medium	Transport specimen in a sterile 1.5-2.0 mL polypropylene tube, screw cap with O-ring
Specimen Labeling	All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form. Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	For shipments that are in transit for up to 5 days, maintain at (2-8°C) and shipments in transit for greater than 5 days, maintain temperature at -20°C or colder with dry ice.
Methodology	Quantitative PCR
Turnaround Time	28 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Do not use heparin as an anticoagulant. Do not use specimens after more than 5 freeze-thaw cycles for the Roche assays and 3 freeze-thaw cycles for the Abbott m2000 assay. Specimen will be rejected if improperly labeled or unlabeled, or with discrepant documentation, insufficient volume, without documentation, unacceptable preservatives, and specimen that have leaked in transit or otherwise shown evidence of contamination.
Additional Information	An interpretation of "Target Not Detected", "HIV-1 RNA Not Detected", and "Not Detected" does not rule out the presence of PCR inhibitors or HIV-1 RNA concentrations below the level of detection of the assay. Care should be taken in the interpretation of any single viral load determination. The clinical significance of changes in HIV-1 RNA measurements has not been fully established; however, a change of 0.5 log copies/mL may be significant. The linear range of each assay is as follows: COBAS® AmpliPrep/COBAS® Taqman® v2.0 is 20-10,000,000 copies/mL(1.30log-7.00log)

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Amplacor® HIV-1 Monitor v1.5 is 400-750,000 copies/mL(2.60log-5.88log)
Abbott Real Time HIV-1 assay is 40-10,000,000 copies/mL(1.60-7.00log)
The COBAS®AmpliPrep/COBAS® Taqman® HIV-1 v2.0 test exhibits a higher level of sensitivity when compared to the Amplacor® HIV-1 Monitor v1.5 test and the Abbott Real Time HIV-1 test for the m2000 system.
NOTE: If a specific testing platform is required, requests must be submitted and reviewed by the Team Lead.

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Test Order

HIV-1 /2 Antibody (International Only) EIA and Western Blot

CDC-10338

Synonym(s) HIV, EIA, WB, ELISA

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Supplemental Information Required Specimens must be accompanied with complete requisition form(s).

Plasma or serum:
CDC Form 0.753: Application for Permit to Import or Transport Etiological Agents, Hosts, or Vectors of Human Disease and Requisition Form

Dried Blood Spots:
Requisition Form

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Plasma, serum and dried blood spots. Dried Blood Spots should be at least 4 saturated 13mm filter paper circles (preferably 5) containing 75 µL of whole blood.

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL (plasma and serum)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep plasma and serum refrigerated at 2°-8°C if testing is performed within 7 days. If testing is performed after 7 days of collection, the specimen should be kept frozen at -20°C or colder.

Dried blood spots should be stored at an ambient temperature (20°-30°C) if testing is performed within 14 days. Specimen should be frozen at -20°C or colder if testing is not performed within 14 days.

Plasma: The appropriate anticoagulants for whole blood collection are either EDTA, Sodium heparin or Lithium heparin.

Dried Blood Spots: For DBS prepared from whole blood collected into tubes, the appropriate anticoagulant for DBS whole blood collection is EDTA. Finger pricks without anti-coagulant dropped directly onto filter paper is also acceptable.

Transport Medium Transport plasma and/or serum in plastic screw-cap vial with O-ring. Dried blood spots should be in gas impermeable plastic bag with desiccant and humidity indicator card and packaged separately.

Specimen Labeling All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form.

Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements For shipments that are in transit for up to 7 days, maintain temperature at 2-8°C. For shipments that are in transit for greater than 7 days, maintain temperature at -20°C or colder with dry ice.

For shipments that are in transit for up to 14 days, maintain at ambient

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temperature (20–30°C). For shipments that are in transit for greater than 14 days, maintain temperature at –20°C or colder with dry ice.

Methodology Enzyme Immunoassay, Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Blot Technique (Western Blot)

Turnaround Time 90 Days

Interferences & Limitations Do not use plasma and serum after more than 5 freeze–thaw cycles. Plasma or serum will be rejected if improperly labeled or unlabeled, without documentation or with discrepant documentation, insufficient volume, unacceptable preservatives, and specimen that have leaked in transit or otherwise shown evidence of contamination.

Dried blood spots will be rejected if improperly labeled or unlabeled, without documentation or with discrepant documentation, without humidity indicators and desiccants, demonstrating any indication of humidity in the zip lock bags, insufficient volume for testing, improperly collected, containing blood clots or clumps, with a halo around the blood spot indicating contamination, if specimen are congruent or show evidence of commingling and collected onto inappropriate filter paper.

Additional Information Positive results are confirmed by the highly specific method (i.e. Western Blot). Western Blot with an EIA–positivity has combined specificity of greater than 99.9%.

Testing for EIA and Western Blot is performed in batches and the turnaround times are the following:

Batch with less than 200 specimens – within 50 days
Batch with 200–600 – within 70 days
Batch with greater than 600 specimens – within 90 days

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HIV-1 / 2 Antibody (International Only) Rapid Test

CDC-10339

Synonym(s)	HIV, RT
Pre-Approval Needed	Parekh, Bharat, (404) 639-3647, bsp1@cdc.gov Kalou, Mireille, (404) 639-2794, chn7@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Specimens must be accompanied with complete requisition form(s). CDC Form 0.753: Application for Permit to Import or Transport Etiological Agents, Hosts, or Vectors of Human Disease and Requisition Form
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Plasma and serum
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	The appropriate anticoagulants for whole blood collection are EDTA or Sodium heparin. Keep specimen at ambient temperature at 15°-35°C if testing will be performed within 48 hours of collection. If testing is to be performed within 7 days keep specimen refrigerated at 2°-8°C. If testing is to be performed after 7 days, keep specimen frozen at -20°C or colder.
Transport Medium	Specimen should be transported in a plastic screw-cap vial
Specimen Labeling	All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form. Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	For shipments that are in transit for up to 7 days, maintain temperature at 2-8°C and for shipments that are in transit for greater than 7 days, maintain temperature at -20°C or colder with dry ice.
Methodology	Immuno-concentration
Turnaround Time	90 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Do not use specimens after more than 5 freeze-thaw cycles. Specimen will be rejected if improperly labeled or unlabeled, without documentation or with discrepant documentation, insufficient volume, unacceptable preservatives, and specimen that have leaked in transit or otherwise shown evidence of contamination.
Additional Information	Turn around times are dependent on batch specimen: Batch with less than 200 specimens - within 50 days Batch with 200-600 - within 70 days Batch with greater than 600 specimens - within 90 days
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Test Order

HIV-1 /2 Laboratory Algorithm

CDC-10272

Synonym(s)	HIV ELISA, HIV antibody
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum and/or plasma. The following anticoagulants are acceptable: EDTA, sodium citrate, CPD, CPDA-1, and ACD. SST and PPT are also acceptable.
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens may be stored at 2–8°C for 7 days. Long-term storage should be at –20°C or colder and specimens should not have incurred more than 5 freeze-thaw cycles.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Specimens and accompanying submission forms require 2 unique identifiers. Identifiers that protect the identity of the individual are preferred
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	HIV antigen/antibody combo ELISA or HIV antibody ELISA, HIV-1 /2 differentiation assay, Rapid Test, HIV-1 Nucleic acid amplification (qualitative)
Turnaround Time	21 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
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Test Order

HIV-2 Nucleic Acid Amplification (Qualitative)

CDC-10429

Synonym(s)	HIV NAAT
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum and plasma
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen should be properly stored in ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) or Acid Citrate Dextrose (ACD) tubes. Serum and plasma can be stored at room temperature. For plasma only collections, Plasma Preparation Tubes (PPT) are suitable.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Keep specimen at room temperature. If frozen, specimen should be shipped on dry ice.
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	21 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Collections in heparin coated tubes are unacceptable due to heparin interference with PCR amplification.
Additional Information	For RNA testing, separate the plasma by centrifugation and freeze (-70°C is optimal, -20°C acceptable) as soon as possible after separation (min volume of 1 mL of plasma is required, 5 mL is optimal). For DNA amplification, (required for HIV-2), freeze the cell pellet after plasma separation (-70°C is optimal, -20°C acceptable). Indicate the original volume of blood used to generate the pellet on the shipping form. If blood separation is not possible, tubes may be shipped overnight at ambient temperature.
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Test Order
HIV-2 Serology
CDC-10273

Synonym(s) HIV ELISA, HIV antibody

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and/or plasma. The following anticoagulants are acceptable: EDTA, sodium citrate, CPD, CPDA-1, and ACD. SST and PPT are also acceptable.

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen. Plasma should be properly stored in ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) or Acid Citrate Dextrose (ACD) tubes.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Specimens and accompanying submission forms require 2 unique identifiers. Identifiers that protect the identity of the individual are preferred

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology HIV-1/2 Differentiation Assay, HIV-2 Western Blot

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
HPV Special Study
CDC-10131

Synonym(s) None

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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Serology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information

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Test Order
Human Herpes Virus 6 (HHV6) Detection and Subtyping
CDC-10266

Synonym(s) HHV6

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Saliva, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or blood

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen. Blood should be collected in EDTA or citrate tubes.

Transport Medium None

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday-Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 2 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Human Herpes Virus 6 (HHV6) Serology
CDC-10497

Synonym(s) None

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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form http://www.cdc.gov/shingles/downloads/specimen_collection_form.pdf

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum or plasma

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Fresh serum or plasma samples may be stored at 4 degrees C for up to one week. Serum or plasma separated from red blood cells should be stored frozen (-20 degrees C) until ready for testing.

Transport Medium No transport medium.

Specimen Labeling Clearly identify the sample and an associated patient ID number.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements If stored at 4 degrees C can be overnighted on cold packs in well-sealed O-ring vials; if frozen can be overnighted on dry ice in well-sealed O-ring vials.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations False positive results may be obtained if samples are excessively lipemic or contaminated by bacteria. False negative results may be obtained if samples are not properly stored after collection.

Additional Information HHV-6 antibody detection method (HHV-6 ELISA) used to detect HHV-6 IgG specific antibodies in human serum or plasma.
This protocol is not operated currently under the CLIA certificate, as it is still in the process of being evaluated and validated; it is for research purposes only.

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Test Order
Human Herpes Virus 7 (HHV7) Detection
CDC-10267

Synonym(s) HHV7

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Saliva, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or blood

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen. Blood should be collected in EDTA or citrate tubes.

Transport Medium Not applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday-Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 2 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Human Herpes Virus 8 (HHV8) Detection
CDC-10268

Synonym(s) Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus, KSHV, HHV8

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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood or saliva

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen. Blood should be collected in EDTA or citrate tubes.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Provide a specimen ID. Do not send specimen labeled with patient's name.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday-Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Human Herpes Virus 8 (HHV8) Serology
CDC-10269

Synonym(s) Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus, KSHV, HHV8

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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum or plasma

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Provide a specimen ID. Do not send specimen labeled with patient's name.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday-Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology IgG antibody detected by IFA

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order

Influenza Antiviral Resistance Diagnosis

CDC-10423

Synonym(s)	Flu, Influenza Drug resistance, Neuraminidase inhibitor, Influenza Resistance testing	
Pre-Approval Needed	None	
Supplemental Information Required	Requires additional WHO submission form that can be obtained with your password	
Supplemental Form	http://www.nltn.org/Influenza-Specimen-Submission-Form.xls	
Performed on Specimens From	Human	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Must type/subtype prior to submission. Virus isolates, RNA, respiratory clinical specimens (nasopharyngeal swabs, nasal swabs, throat swabs, nasal aspirates, nasal washes, lower respiratory tract specimens), and others upon consultation with the laboratory.	
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Swab specimens should be collected using only swabs with a synthetic tip, such as nylon or Dacron®, and an aluminum or plastic shaft. Ensure that, when transporting human respiratory specimens, all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents are met. Specimens received cold should be stored refrigerated (2–8°C) for up to 72 hours before processing. Store any residual specimens at ≤ -70°C. Although optimal performance is met when testing fresh specimens within 72 hours of collection, performance has been demonstrated with frozen specimens. If testing of a fresh specimen is not possible within 72 hours storage at 2–8°C, the specimen may be frozen at ≤ -70°C and tested at a later time. Specimens received frozen should be stored at ≤ -70°C until processing. Store any residual specimens at ≤ -70°C.	
Transport Medium	Swabs must be in viral transport medium	
Specimen Labeling	Specimen ID must match the ID on the form	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Prior to shipping, notify CDC Influenza Division that you are sending specimens. Refer to the International Air Transport Association (IATA – www.iata.org) for requirements for shipment of human or potentially infectious biological specimens. Ship extracted RNA and frozen specimen on dry ice. Refrigerated specimens should be shipped on cold packs.	
Methodology	Pyrosequencing	
Turnaround Time	3 Days	
Interferences & Limitations	<p>Low viral load (Ct values above 29 are not recommended for submission) or genetic variance can affect test results.</p> <p>Calcium alginate swabs are unacceptable and cotton swabs with wooden shafts are not recommended because it can cause a false-negative result.</p>	
Additional Information	Turn around time may be greater than 3 days during holidays. Testing is not performed on the weekends or on federal holidays.	
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Test Order

Influenza Molecular Diagnosis

CDC-10421

Synonym(s)	Influenza Real Time PCR, Influenza Diagnostics, Flu
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Requires additional WHO submission form that can be obtained with your password
Supplemental Form	http://www.nltn.org/Influenza-Specimen-submission-Form.xls
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Virus isolates, RNA, respiratory clinical specimens (i.e. Nasopharyngeal swabs, nasal swabs, throat swabs, nasal aspirates, nasal washes, lower respiratory tract specimens), and others upon consultation with the laboratory.
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Swab specimens should be collected using only swabs with a synthetic tip, such as nylon or Dacron®, and an aluminum or plastic shaft. Ensure that, when transporting human respiratory specimens, all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents are met. Specimens received cold should be stored refrigerated (2°-8°C) for up to 72 hours before processing. Store any residual specimens at ≤ -70°C. Although optimal performance is met when testing fresh specimens within 72 hours of collection, performance has been demonstrated with frozen specimens. If testing of a fresh specimen is not possible within 72 hours storage at 2-8°C, the specimen may be frozen at ≤ -70° C and tested at a later time. Specimens received frozen should be stored at ≤ -70°C until processing. Store any residual specimens at ≤ -70°C.
Transport Medium	Swabs must be in viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Specimen ID must match the ID on the form
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Urgent specimen can be shipped any time with prior approval from the laboratory. Prior to shipping, notify CDC Influenza Division that you are sending specimen. Refer to the International Air Transport Association (IATA – www.iata.org) for requirements for shipment of human or potentially infectious biological specimens. Ship extracted RNA and frozen specimen on dry ice. Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs.
Methodology	Real Time PCR, Genetic Sequence Identification
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Low virus numbers or co-infections can affect test results. Calcium alginate swabs are unacceptable and cotton swabs with wooden shafts are not recommended because it can cause a false-negative result.
Additional Information	Specimens requiring additional testing and specimens submitted for surveillance studies will take longer than seven days for results.
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Test Order
Influenza Serology
CDC-10424

Synonym(s)	Influenza Hemagglutination inhibition assay, Influenza microneutralization assay	
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Supplemental Information Required	Supplemental form will be supplied upon consultation with laboratory	
Supplemental Form	None	
Performed on Specimens From	Human	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Paired Serum; Acute (less than 7 days post symptoms onset) and convalescent (at least 14 days after acute serum collection)	
Minimum Volume Required	.5 mL	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Should be collected and immediately frozen. Specifics around storage and preservation are supplied on the supplemental form and upon consultation with laboratory.	
Transport Medium	Not Applicable	
Specimen Labeling	Please include patient identification number, patients age, date of collection and symptoms onset date. Do not include names.	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Obtain approval prior to shipping	
Methodology	Hemagglutination inhibition assay, Microneutralization assay	
Turnaround Time	6 Weeks	
Interferences & Limitations	Whole blood cannot be used for testing. Lipemic or hemolyzed sera will affect test results.	
Additional Information	None	
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Test Order
Influenza Special Study
CDC-10425

Synonym(s) None

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Supplemental Information Required Requires additional WHO submission form that can be obtained with your password

Supplemental Form <http://www.nltm.org/Influenza-Specimen-submission-Form.xls>

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order

Influenza Surveillance

CDC-10422

Synonym(s)	Flu, Influenza Antigen Characterization
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Requires additional WHO submission form that can be obtained with your password
Supplemental Form	http://www.nltn.org/Influenza-Specimen-submission-Form.xls
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Respiratory specimens (nasopharyngeal swabs, nasal swabs, throat swabs, nasal aspirates, nasal washes, dual nasopharyngeal/throat swabs, bronchoalveolar lavage, sputum, tracheal aspirate, etc.), virus cultures, and others upon consultation with the laboratory.
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Swab specimens should be collected using only swabs with a synthetic tip, such as nylon or Dacron®, and an aluminum or plastic shaft. Ensure that, when transporting human respiratory specimens, all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents are met. Specimens received cold should be stored refrigerated (2–8°C) for up to 72 hours before processing. Store any residual specimens at ≤ -70°C. Although optimal performance is met when testing fresh specimens within 72 hours of collection, performance has been demonstrated with frozen specimens. If testing of a fresh specimen is not possible within 72 hours storage at 2°–8°C, the specimen may be frozen at ≤ -70°C and tested at a later time. Specimens received frozen should be stored at ≤ -70°C until processing. Store any residual specimens at ≤ -70°C.
Transport Medium	Swabs must be in viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Specimen ID must match the ID on the form
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Urgent specimen can be shipped at any time with prior approval from the laboratory. Refer to the International Air Transport Association (IATA – www.iata.org) for requirements for shipment of human or potentially infectious biological specimens. Ship extracted RNA and frozen specimen on dry ice. Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs.
Methodology	Hemagglutination Inhibition (HI) test, Virus Culture
Turnaround Time	4 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Low virus numbers or co-infections can affect test results. Calcium alginate swabs are unacceptable and cotton swabs with wooden shafts are not recommended because it can cause a false-negative result.
Additional Information	Turn around time may take up to a month if the virus needs to be cultured. Turn around time for isolates may be less than 1 month.
CDC Points of Contact	Xiyan Xu (404) 639-1657 xxx1@cdc.gov Wendy Sessions (404) 639-3211 gra6@cdc.gov

Test Order
Junin Serology
CDC-10340

Synonym(s) Argentine Hemorrhagic Fever, AHF, *arenavirus*

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order

Kyasanur Forest Disease Serology

CDC-10341

Synonym(s)	KFD
Pre-Approval Needed	Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Blood and serum
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.
Methodology	ELISA
Turnaround Time	10 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity
Additional Information	Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.
CDC Points of Contact	John Klena (404) 639-0114 irc4@cdc.gov Pierre Rollin (404) 639-1124 pyr3@cdc.gov

Test Order
Laguna Negra Serology
CDC-10342

Synonym(s) HPS, hanta

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Lassa Fever Identification
CDC-10343

Synonym(s) *Arenavirus*

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood, and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C , and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Lassa Fever Serology
CDC-10344

Synonym(s) *Arenavirus*

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Legionella species Identification and Typing
 CDC-10159

Synonym(s)	Legionnaires' disease or LD, Legionellosis, Pontiac fever	
Pre-Approval Needed	None	
Supplemental Information Required	None	
Supplemental Form	None	
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Human Origin: Isolates or primary specimens for culture. Acceptable clinical specimens are sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), lung tissue, endotracheal tube (ETT), and tracheal aspirate. Environmental Origin: Isolates only	
Minimum Volume Required	Contingent on specimen type. Please see attached shipping instructions for details. http://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/shipping-instructions.pdf	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Clinical specimens should be frozen immediately. Isolates should be prepared on appropriate slants [Buffered Charcoal Yeast (BCYE)] and shipped at 4°C. Please see attached shipping instructions for details. http://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/shipping-instructions.pdf	
Transport Medium	BCYE or equivalent slants for isolates	
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Do not ship on Fridays or the day before a federal holiday. Please see attached shipping instructions for details. http://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/shipping-instructions.pdf	
Methodology	Culture, Serogrouping, Sequencing, Real Time PCR	
Turnaround Time	4 Weeks	
Interferences & Limitations	Specimen should be acquired prior to antibiotic treatment. Improper specimen storage and handling may result in inconclusive or inaccurate results.	
Additional Information	If only PCR is needed then turn around time will be shorter than 4 weeks	
CDC Points of Contact	legionellalab@cdc.gov (Primary Contact)	Natalia Kozak (Emergency) (404) 639-2305 htv2@cdc.gov
	Jonas Winchell (Emergency) (404) 639-4921 Jwinchell@cdc.gov	

Test Order
***Legionella* species Molecular Detection**
CDC-10160

Synonym(s)	Legionnaires' disease or LD, Legionellosis, Pontiac fever, Atypical pneumonia	
Pre-Approval Needed	None	
Supplemental Information Required	None	
Supplemental Form	None	
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Human Origin: Isolates, purified nucleic acid, or primary specimens. Acceptable clinical specimens are sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), lung tissue, endotracheal tube (ETT), and tracheal aspirate. Environmental Origin: Isolates only	
Minimum Volume Required	Contingent on specimen type. Please see attached shipping instructions for details. http://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/shipping-instructions.pdf	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Clinical specimens should be frozen immediately. Isolates should be prepared on appropriate slants [Buffered Charcoal Yeast (BCYE)] and shipped at 4°C. Please see attached shipping instructions for details. http://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/shipping-instructions.pdf	
Transport Medium	BCYE or equivalent slants for isolates	
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Do not ship on Fridays or the day before a federal holiday. Please see attached shipping instructions for details. http://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/shipping-instructions.pdf	
Methodology	Real Time PCR, Sequencing	
Turnaround Time	10 Days	
Interferences & Limitations	Specimen should be acquired prior to antibiotic treatment. Improper specimen storage and handling may result in inconclusive or inaccurate results.	
Additional Information	None	
CDC Points of Contact	legionellalab@cdc.gov (Primary Contact)	Natalia Kozak (Emergency) (404) 639-2305 htv2@cdc.gov
	Jonas Winchell (Emergency) (404) 639-4921 jwinchell@cdc.gov	

Test Order
Legionella species Study
CDC-10161

Synonym(s) None

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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Do not ship on Fridays or the day before a federal holiday. Please see attached shipping instructions for details.
<http://www.cdc.gov/legionella/downloads/shipping-instructions.pdf>

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
***Leishmania* species Identification**
CDC-10238

Synonym(s)	Parasite
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Must contact CDC prior to sample collection at bnz0@cdc.gov , and CDC will provide the culture medium (typically Novy-MacNeal-Nicolle (NNN) medium).
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Tissue, blood, bone marrow
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Culture medium (typically Novy-MacNeal-Nicolle (NNN) medium). Keep media refrigerated until it is used (stable for 2-4 weeks) and bring it to room temperature right before inoculation. Once inoculated, keep the culture at room temperature and send to CDC as soon as possible by overnight mail.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Culture should be kept at room temperature and mailed as soon as possible, as an etiologic agent. Blood and bone marrow should be shipped on wet ice (cold pack).
Methodology	PCR and DNA sequencing, Culture
Turnaround Time	6 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Formalin fixed specimens are not suitable for culture
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Marcos de Almeida (404) 718-4175 bnz0@cdc.gov Yvonne Qvarnstrom (404) 718-4123 bvp2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Leishmaniasis Serology
CDC-10463

Synonym(s)	Leishmaniasis Serology, Visceral leishmaniasis, Kala azar; <i>Leishmania donovoni</i> , <i>Leishmania major</i> , <i>Leishmania</i> , parasite
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum and Plasma
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No specific requirements
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	Antibody detection
Turnaround Time	18 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Marcos de Almeida (404) 718-4175 bnz0@cdc.gov Yvonne Qvarnstrom (404) 718-4123 bvp2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Leptospira species Identification and Genotyping
 CDC-10199

Synonym(s)	Leptospirosis
Pre-Approval Needed	Galloway, Renee, (404) 639-5461, zul0@cdc.gov Stoddard, Robyn, (40) 463-9205, frd8@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolate and media inoculated with clinical specimens (blood, tissue and urine)
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Cultures should be stored at room temperature
Transport Medium	Isolates need to be shipped on Ellinghausen-McCullough-Johnson-Harris (EMJH) semisolid media
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Isolates should be shipped at room temperature. All other specimens shipped at 4°C.
Methodology	Multilocus sequence typing (MLST), Pulsed field gel electrophoresis (PFGE), Microscopy, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Turnaround time will vary depending on if an isolate is sent for identification or a specimen is sent for isolation. Primary isolation from clinical specimens takes up to 6 months.
CDC Points of Contact	Renee Galloway (404) 639-5461 zul0@cdc.gov Robyn Stoddard (404) 639-2053 frd8@cdc.gov

Test Order
Leptospira species Molecular Detection
CDC-10200

Synonym(s) Leptospirosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Clinical specimens (blood and urine). Blood specimens should be collected in EDTA or Sodium Citrate tubes

Minimum Volume Required 250 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep frozen at -20°C

Transport Medium Blood specimens transported in EDTA or Sodium Citrate tubes

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Specimens should be shipped frozen at -20°C

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Blood specimens collected in heparin are not acceptable

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Robyn Stoddard
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Test Order
Leptospira species Serology
CDC-10201

Synonym(s) Leptospirosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum for MAT (acute and convalescent preferred for MAT). Serum or whole blood for ImmunoDOT (human only)

Minimum Volume Required 100 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store serum at 4°C before shipping

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Serum should be shipped at 4°C

Methodology MAT-micro agglutination, ImmunoDOT

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Acute and convalescent preferred for MAT
MAT can be performed on human or animal sera but ImmunoDOT is for human sera only

Additional Information ImmunoDOT (IgM detection) can be reported within 1 week while MAT takes up to 2 weeks for confirmation

CDC Points of Contact Renee Galloway
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Test Order
Leptospira species Study
CDC-10202

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Galloway, Renee, (404) 639-5461, zul0@cdc.gov
Stoddard, Robyn, (404) 639-2053, frd8@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Renee Galloway
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Test Order
Listeria Identification
 CDC-10128

Synonym(s) *Listeria*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is not required for human specimens but is required for all other specimen types.

Provide any preliminary results that are available.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Ship growth on nonselective slant/stab such as TSA, HIA, etc.; screw cap tubes preferred.

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines

Methodology Phenotypic Identification, Genetic Identification

Turnaround Time 4 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities or due to limited availability of resources.

CDC Points of Contact Cheryl Tarr
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Test Order
Listeria monocytogenes Identification and Subtyping
 CDC-10129

Synonym(s)	<i>Listeria</i> Typing
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval is not required for human specimens, but is required for all other specimen types. Provide any preliminary results available. Indicate subtyping method(s) requested on specimen submission form.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Ship growth on nonselective slant/stab such as TSA, HIA, etc.; screw cap tubes preferred.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines
Methodology	Phenotypic Identification, Genetic Identification, PFGE, MLVA
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities due to limited availability of resources.
CDC Points of Contact	Cheryl Tarr (404) 639-2011 crt6@cdc.gov Zuzana Kucerova (404) 718-4143 zik0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Listeria Study
CDC-10130

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Tarr, Cheryl, (404) 639-2011, crt6@cdc.gov
Kucerova, Zuzana, (404) 718-4143, zik0@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order

LRN Biothreat Multi-Agent Screening – Environmental CDC-10430

Synonym(s)	Screening for <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> , <i>Brucella spp.</i> , <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> , <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> , <i>Francisella tularensis</i> , <i>Yersinia pestis</i> , Orthopoxvirus, and ricin toxin.
Pre-Approval Needed	Bowzard, Brad, (404) 639-3626, jbowzard@cdc.gov Sue, David, (404) 639-4027, dsue@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Please contact Dr. Brad Bowzard at 404 639-3626 or jbowzard@cdc.gov, for the required supplemental form and packaging and shipping requirements.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Bulk sampling of visible materials (e.g., powders, liquids, etc.) and/or sampling from contaminated surfaces (e.g., with polyester swabs).
Minimum Volume Required	Dependent on Specimen Type
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Dry swabs or powders can be stored and shipped at room temperature. Liquid samples should be held and shipped at 4°C.
Transport Medium	None
Specimen Labeling	No special requirements
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries, if possible. If weekend delivery is necessary, please contact laboratory upon shipment.
Methodology	Real Time PCR, Culture Isolation, Time-Resolved Fluorescence
Turnaround Time	
Interferences & Limitations	Dependent on sample time
Additional Information	Turnaround time is dependent on test and sample type.
CDC Points of Contact	Brad Bowzard (404) 639-3626 jbowzard@cdc.gov David Sue (404) 639-4027 dsue@cdc.gov

Test Order

LRN Biothreat Multi-Agent Surface Samples – Environmental CDC-10495

Synonym(s)	<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> spore environmental swab and wipe processing procedures; 3M™ Sponge Stick®, macrofoam swabs, surface samples
Pre-Approval Needed	Bowzard, Brad, (404) 639-3626, jbowzard@cdc.gov Sue, David, (404) 639-4027, dsue@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Please contact Dr. Brad Bowzard at 404 639-3626 or jbowzard@cdc.gov for the required supplemental form and packaging and shipping requirements.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Sampling from surfaces with no visible contamination using Macrofoam swab or 3M™ Sponge Stick®; currently only applies for <i>B. anthracis</i> .
Minimum Volume Required	For appropriate interpretation of results, defined sampling areas for each device must be followed: Macrofoam swab = 26cm ² , 3M™ Sponge Stick® = 645 cm ² .
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Devices should be held at 4 degrees and shipped on ice within 24 hours of collection.
Transport Medium	None
Specimen Labeling	No special requirements
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries, if possible. If weekend delivery is necessary, please contact laboratory upon shipment.
Methodology	Culture with RT-PCR confirmation of colonies
Turnaround Time	4 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Large quantities of dust and/or other organisms may reduce limits of detection.
Additional Information	Testing should be initiated within 24 hours of receipt. Turn around time ranges from 1–4 days.
CDC Points of Contact	Brad Bowzard (404) 639-3626 jbowzard@cdc.gov David Sue (404) 639-4027 dsue@cdc.gov

Test Order
Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis (LCM) Identification
CDC-10345

Synonym(s) LCM, *Arenavirus*

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood, serum, and CSF

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C , and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order
Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis (LCM) Serology
CDC-10346

Synonym(s) LCM, *Arenavirus*

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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

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Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing CSF, blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order
Machupo Identification
CDC-10347

Synonym(s) Bolivian Hemorrhagic Fever, BHF, *Arenavirus*

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C , and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order
Machupo Serology
CDC-10348

Synonym(s) Bolivian Hemorrhagic Fever, BHF, *Arenavirus*

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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Malaria Molecular Identification
CDC-10480

Synonym(s) *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium malariae*, *Plasmodium ovale*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please include the blood smear slides in the shipment

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood; Please include the blood smear slides in the shipment

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Collect a 1-5 ml blood sample in Vacutainer® EDTA tubes prior to anti-parasitic therapy and store at 4°C.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen on wet ice (cold pack) as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Conventional PCR, Real-Time PCR

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Malaria Serology
CDC-10464

Synonym(s) *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium malariae*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Travel history REQUIRED, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Assay, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Malaria Surveillance
CDC-10235

Synonym(s) Malaria Drug Resistance typing, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Supplemental form not needed

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood collected in EDTA tubes

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Blood should be collected in EDTA tubes

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Do not ship specimen frozen.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), DNA Sequencing, In-vitro culture

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Turnaround time is determined by the surveillance project, no individual patient reports are issued

Please provide information on travel history and history of anti-malarial usage

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Test Order
Marburg Identification
CDC-10349

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order
Marburg Serology
CDC-10350

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order

Measles and Rubella Detection (PCR) and Genotyping

CDC-10243

Synonym(s)	Measles, Rubeola, Rubella, German measles; three day measles
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Throat swab in viral medium, Nasopharyngeal aspirate or swab, urine, cataracts, lens aspirate, oral fluid, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), dry blood spots, and tissue samples
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Measles: http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/ Rubella: http://www.cdc.gov/rubella/lab/index.html Also see: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/index.html http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/index.html
Transport Medium	Viral transport medium for swabs and appropriate culture medium. Make sure tubes are all in leak proof containers.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Clearly label specimen type.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	The laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping. For shipping address see: http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/ Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real time RT-PCR, Genotyping by nucleic acid sequencing, Template production by RT-PCR, Viral culture
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Measles: http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/ Rubella: http://www.cdc.gov/rubella/lab/index.html Also see, http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/index.html http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/index.html
Additional Information	Please include vaccination history, age, date of symptom onset and sample collection
CDC Points of Contact	Paul Rota (404) 639-4181 par1@cdc.gov Joe Icenogle (404) 639-4557 jci1@cdc.gov

Test Order

Measles and Rubella Serology

CDC-10247

Synonym(s)	Measles, Rubeola, Rubella, German measles, three day measles
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum and others upon consultation with laboratory
Minimum Volume Required	200 uL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Serum should be kept refrigerated or frozen
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Clearly label specimen type.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Refrigerated or frozen specimen should be shipped on cold packs. laboratory will instruct on how to ship for other specimen types.
Methodology	Commercial capture IgM, Commercial indirect IgG
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	IgM positive may not occur until 5 days post-rash onset
Additional Information	IgM and IgG assays are qualitative assays. For outbreaks or immuno-compromised patients please contact laboratory prior to shipment.
CDC Points of Contact	Bill Bellini (404) 639-4183 wjb2@cdc.gov Joe Icenogle (404) 639-4557 jci1@cdc.gov

Test Order

Measles Avidity

CDC-10248

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Mercader, Sara, (404) 639-4568, sjm7@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See additional information

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 300 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum should be kept refrigerated, not frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Provide a unique identifier on the specimen container and the test requisition

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Measles avidity

Turnaround Time 30 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/index.html>

The measles avidity assay is a specialized tool that may help with confirmation of suspect cases with RT-PCR-negative results or with questionable IgM results (false positive or false negative results are suspected). However, avidity results cannot rule out cases. Avidity testing can also help in vaccine failure classification. Assay limitations include difficulty in interpretation of results from infants with potential presence of maternal antibodies or from individuals recently immunized with measles vaccine.

Samples must be measles IgG positive for testing

The following information is required for result interpretation:

- Records of vaccination status, with the number of doses and dates of administration
- Date of birth
- Date of rash onset
- Date of sample collection
- Clinical symptoms.

The MMRH Laboratory Branch reserves the right to determine if testing for measles avidity could be beneficial.

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Test Order
Measles Avidity
CDC-10248

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Test Order

Measles Detection (PCR) and Genotyping

CDC-10240

Synonym(s)	Rubeola
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Throat swab in viral transport medium, nasopharyngeal aspirate or swab, urine, oral fluid, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), dry blood spots, and tissue samples
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	See: http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/rt-pcr.html for detailed information on storage and preservation of specimen
Transport Medium	Viral transport medium for swabs. Make sure tubes are all leak proof containers.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Clearly label specimen type.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	The laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping See instructions and shipping address: http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/ Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Viral culture, Genotyping by Nucleic acid sequencing, Real time RT-PCR, Template production by RT-PCR
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	See: http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/ for information on the interferences and limitations of this test
Additional Information	Please include vaccination history, age, date of rash onset and date of sample collection For additional information, please see measles surveillance manual: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/chpt07-measles.html
CDC Points of Contact	Paul Rota (404) 639-4181 par1@cdc.gov Rebecca McNall (404) 639-4541 dgo2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Measles Neutralization Antibody (Not for Immune Status)
CDC-10250

Synonym(s) PRN test, Plaque-reduction neutralization

Pre-Approval Needed Bellini, Bill, (404) 639-4183, wjb2@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/index.html>

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 300 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum should be kept refrigerated, not frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Provide a unique identifier on the specimen container and the test requisition

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Neutralization assay - quantitative serological assay

Turnaround Time 4 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Measles Serology
CDC-10244

Synonym(s) Rubeola

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and others upon consultation

Minimum Volume Required 300 uL (50 uL)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum should be kept refrigerated, not frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Laboratory will instruct on how to ship for other specimen types

Methodology CDC capture IgM, Commercial indirect IgG

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations IgM positive may not occur until 4 days post-rash onset

Additional Information IgM and IgG assays are qualitative assays

For outbreaks or immuno-compromised patients please contact laboratory prior to shipment

Please include vaccination history, age, date of onset and sample collection

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Test Order
Measles Special Study
CDC-10251

Synonym(s) Rubeola

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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order

MERS-CoV PCR

CDC-10488

Synonym(s)	MERS-CoV PCR, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/downloads/MERS-investigation-short-form.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Nasopharyngeal wash/aspirates, nasopharyngeal swabs, oropharyngeal swabs, bronchoalveolar lavage, tracheal aspirate, pleural fluid tap, sputum, stool, serum, EDTA blood (plasma), and post-mortem tissue. For more information go to: http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html ; http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-lab-biosafety.html
Minimum Volume Required	0.25 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Refrigerate or freeze tubes after specimens are placed in them. If specimens will be examined within 48 hours after collection, they can be refrigerated. If specimens must be held longer than 48 hours, freeze them as soon as possible after collection. Although storage in an ultra-low freezer (-70°C) is preferable, storage in a home-type freezer (if properly set at -20°C) is acceptable for short periods. http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-lab-biosafety.html
Transport Medium	Swabs may be shipped in commercial viral transport media
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Contact Dean Erdman (dde1@cdc.gov, 404-639-3727) for shipping address. See the following link for additional shipping information: http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing
Turnaround Time	2 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Virus isolation in cell culture and initial characterization of viral agents recovered in cultures of MERS-CoV specimens are NOT recommended at this time. However, if done, these activities must be performed in a BSL-3 facility using BSL-3 work practices. Use only sterile Dacron or rayon swabs with plastic shafts or if available, flocked swabs. Do NOT use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden sticks, as they may contain substances that inactivate some viruses and inhibit some molecular assays.
Additional Information	http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html , http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html , http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-lab-biosafety.html
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Test Order
MERS-CoV PCR
CDC-10488

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Test Order

MERS-CoV Serology

CDC-10489

Synonym(s)	Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) ELISA, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) EIA
Pre-Approval Needed	Tatti, Kathleen, (404) 639-3797, ket2@cdc.gov Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/downloads/MERS-investigation-short-form.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum (single specimen collected >14 days after symptom onset; paired acute and convalescent). For more information go to http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html
Minimum Volume Required	200µL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Collect whole blood in a serum separator tube. Allow the blood to clot, centrifuge briefly, and collect all the resulting sera in vials with external caps and internal O-ring seals. If there is no O-ring seal, then seal tightly with the available cap and secure with Parafilm. Do not collect specimen in heparin tubes. Store serum at 4°C. Serum may be frozen, if needed. http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html , http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-lab-biosafety.html
Transport Medium	None
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Contact Kathleen Tatti (404-639-3797, ket2@cdc.gov) or Dean Erdman (404-639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov) for shipping address. See the following link for additional shipping information: http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html
Methodology	ELISA
Turnaround Time	3 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Virus isolation in cell culture and initial characterization of viral agents recovered in cultures of MERS-CoV specimens are NOT recommended at this time. However, if done, these activities must be performed in a BSL-3 facility using BSL-3 work practices. Do not collect specimen in heparin tubes.
Additional Information	http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/index.html , http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html , http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-lab-biosafety.html
CDC Points of Contact	Kathleen Tatti (404) 639-3797 ket2@cdc.gov Dean Erdman (404) 639-3727 dde1@cdc.gov

Test Order
Microsporidia Molecular Identification
CDC-10481

Synonym(s) *Anncaliia, Encephalitozoon cuniculi, Encephalitozoon hellem, Encephalitozoon intestinalis, Septata intestinalis, Tubulinosema, Enterocytozoon bieneusi, Nosema, Pleistophora, Trachipleistophora, Vittaforma corneae, Nosema corneum, parasite*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Tissue, urine, stool (unpreserved or in a PCR-compatible preservative e.g. EcoFix, UniFix, ZN-PVA, TotalFix, ethanol, potassium dichromate). Other specimen types can be accepted after consultation and pre-approval.

Minimum Volume Required See Additional Information

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Storage and preservation is specimen specific

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship unpreserved specimen on wet ice (cold pack) as an etiologic agent. Preserved/fixed specimens can be shipped at room temperature.

Methodology Conventional PCR

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations Stool specimens fixed in formalin-containing preservatives or LV-PVA are not suitable for molecular studies.

Additional Information Minimum Volume Required: 0.5 g of stool or 1ml of urine or 25 mg tissue

CDC Points of Contact Yvonne Qvarnstrom
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Test Order
Moraxella species ID
CDC-10140

Synonym(s) *Moraxella*, GNDC

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

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Test Order
MPIR – Study
CDC-10428

Synonym(s) Anthrax TNA

Pre-Approval Needed Quinn, Conrad, (404) 639-2858, caq7@cdc.gov
Schiffer, Jarad, (404) 639-0894, aku3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Paired acute and convalescent sera

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum should be separated from whole blood and kept at -80°C

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition including patient ID, date of collection, submitter information, and specimen ID number.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Contact laboratory prior to shipment.

Ship paired sera together and all frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Methodology Cell Based Serological Assay

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Prefer non-hemolyzed specimen and non-lipemic specimen. If they are hemolyzed or lipemic, the specimen will not be tested. Plasma specimen are not accepted. Do not store or send specimen in tubes with preservatives or cell growth inhibitors.

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Conrad Quinn
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Test Order

Mumps Detection (PCR) and Genotyping

CDC-10241

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Buccal swab, nasal swab, throat swab, urine, oral fluid and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	See: http://www.cdc.gov/mumps/lab/specimen-collect.html for detailed information on the storage and preservation of the specimen
Transport Medium	http://www.cdc.gov/mumps/lab/
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Clearly label specimen type.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	The laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping See shipping instructions: http://www.cdc.gov/mumps/lab/ Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real time RT-PCR, Template production by RT-PCR, Viral culture, Genotyping by Nucleic acid sequencing
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	See: http://www.cdc.gov/mumps/lab/ for information on the interferences and limitations of this test
Additional Information	Please include vaccination history, age, date of symptom onset and date of sample collection For additional information about mumps surveillance please see: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/chpt09-mumps.html
CDC Points of Contact	Paul Rota (404) 639-4181 par1@cdc.gov Rebecca McNall (404) 639-4541 dgo2@cdc.gov

Test Order
Mumps Neutralization Antibody (Not for Immune Status)
CDC-10351

Synonym(s) PRN test, Plaque-reduction neutralization

Pre-Approval Needed Bellini, Bill, (404) 639-4183, wjb2@cdc.gov
Hickman, Carole, (404) 639-3339, cjh3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Paired serum

Minimum Volume Required 300 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum should be kept refrigerated, not frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Provide a unique identifier on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Neutralization assay - quantitative serological assay

Turnaround Time 4 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Bill Bellini
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Test Order
Mumps Serology
CDC-10245

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 300 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum should be kept refrigerated, not frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology CDC IgM Capture, Commercial indirect IgG

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations Rheumatoid factor, Parainfluenza viruses 1, 2, and 3, Epstein-Barr virus, adenovirus, and Human Herpes Virus 6 have all been noted to interfere with mumps serologic assays.

Additional Information IgM and IgG assays are qualitative assays

Please include vaccination history, age, date of onset and sample collection

CDC Points of Contact Bill Bellini
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Test Order
Mumps Special Study
CDC-10252

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Bellini, Bill, (404) 639-4183, wjb2@cdc.gov
Hickman, Carole, (404) 639-3339, cjh3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Bill Bellini
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Test Order

Mycobacterium – Non-tuberculosis Mycobacteria Identification

CDC-10225

Synonym(s)	Non-TB Mycobacteria, Mycobacteria
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	<p>Isolates demonstrated to not be part of the <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex</p> <p>Isolates from the following specimens will be accepted for testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sterile sites (e.g., blood, CSF, body fluids) Abscess, exudate or skin lesion Wounds or surgical sites (see Additional Information) BAL/ bronch wash Sputum (see Additional Information) Gastric lavage (pediatric) Animal and environmental isolates with prior consultation
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep specimen at room temperature
Transport Medium	Lowenstein-Jensen or Middlebrook 7H10/7H11 agar
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries at room temperature as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	16S Sequencing, MALDI-TOF, Phenotypic Testing
Turnaround Time	28 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	<p>Isolates from wounds or surgical sites must have documentation that NTM was abundant on primary culture (3+ to 4+) or was the only organism isolated.</p> <p>Isolates from sputum must have documentation that the NTM was from two or more sputum cultures (collected on different days), was the only mycobacterial species present, and have abundant growth on primary culture.</p>
CDC Points of Contact	<p>David Lonsway (404) 639-2825 Dlonsway@cdc.gov</p> <p>Nadege Toney (404) 639-1282 ngc6@cdc.gov</p>

Test Order
***Mycobacterium* TB Complex – Drug Susceptibility Testing**
CDC-10185

Synonym(s) MTB DST, TB, Tuberculosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure isolate on solid medium or in broth culture

Minimum Volume Required Not applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTB) Growth Medium

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Broth should not be shipped frozen.

Methodology Agar proportion, Pyrazinamide (PZA) by MGIT 960

Turnaround Time 32 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Beverly Metchock
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Test Order
***Mycobacterium* TB Complex – Identification**
CDC-10187

Synonym(s) TB, Tuberculosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTB) Growth Medium

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries.

Methodology Genetic based testing

Turnaround Time 14 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Beverly Metchock
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Test Order
***Mycobacterium* TB Complex – Identification and Drug
Susceptibility Testing**
CDC-10188

Synonym(s)	TB, Tuberculosis
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure isolate on solid medium or in broth culture
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> (MTB) Growth Medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Broth should not be shipped frozen.
Methodology	Genetic based testing, Pyrazinamide (PZA) by MGIT 960, Agar Proportion
Turnaround Time	32 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Beverly Metchock (404) 639-2455 TBLab@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Mycobacterium* TB Complex – Identification and Pyrazinamide
 Susceptibility Testing**
 CDC-10190

Synonym(s)	TB, Tuberculosis
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure isolate on solid medium or in broth culture
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> (MTB) Growth Medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Broth should not be shipped frozen.
Methodology	Pyrazinamide (PZA) by MGIT 960, Genetic based testing
Turnaround Time	32 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Beverly Metchock (404) 639-2455 TBLab@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Mycobacterium* TB Complex – Molecular Detection of Drug
Resistance (MDDR)**
CDC-10186

Synonym(s)	MDDR, TB, Tuberculosis
Pre-Approval Needed	Metchock, Beverly, (404) 639-2455, TBLab@cdc.gov Driscoll, Jeff, (404) 639-2455, TBLab@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/laboratory/MDDRsubmissionform.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Nucleic Acid Amplification positive (NAA+) sputum sediment or pure culture isolate on solid medium or in broth culture
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL (sediment)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> (MTB) Growth Medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Sediments and broth cultures should not be shipped frozen.
Methodology	Pyrosequencing, Sanger sequencing, Agar Proportion DST, MGIT 960 Pyrazinamide (PZA)
Turnaround Time	3 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Beverly Metchock (404) 639-2455 TBLab@cdc.gov Jeff Driscoll (404) 639-2455 TBLab@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Mycobacterium* TB Complex – Pyrazinamide Susceptibility Testing**
CDC-10189

Synonym(s) PZA DST, TB, Tuberculosis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure isolate on solid medium or in broth culture

Minimum Volume Required Not applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTB) Growth Medium

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Broth should not be shipped frozen.

Methodology Pyrazinamide (PZA) by MGIT 960

Turnaround Time 14 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Beverly Metchock
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Test Order
Mycobacterium TB Complex – Special Study
CDC-10191

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Metchock, Beverly, (404) 639-2455, TBLab@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Beverly Metchock
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Test Order
***Mycobacterium* TB Complex (International Only) Identification
and Drug Susceptibility Testing**
CDC-10352

Synonym(s)	Culture, DST, AST, MTB, MTB complex, TB, MDR TB, ID, Tuberculosis
Pre-Approval Needed	Alexander, Heather, (404) 639-5331, drz5@cdc.gov DeGruy, Kyle, (404) 639-0875, gsz4@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Supplemental form will be provided upon consultation Fill out the ILB-100-F08C TB Requisition Form CDC Form 0.753: Application for Permit to Import or Transport Etiological Agents, Hosts, or Vectors of Human Disease. It is a requirement to complete this form.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Suspected <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> Complex isolates in Middlebrook 7H9 liquid media or MGIT (7H9) broth inoculated with culture isolate
Minimum Volume Required	0.3 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> Complex in Sterile 2.0 mL screw cap cryovial with O-ring. Specimen should be kept frozen at -70°C indefinitely, but specimen may be stored at -20°C for three months.
Transport Medium	Middlebrook or MGIT (7H9) broth should be inoculated with a culture isolate of a suspected <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> Complex and transported in a sterile 2.0 mL screw cap cryovial with O-ring.
Specimen Labeling	All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form. Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Keep specimen frozen at -70°C or lower by using dry ice. Refer to <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> Isolate Preparation & Shipments on page 7 of International Laboratory Branch Test Directory or contact laboratory prior to submission.
Methodology	Phenotypic and genotypic ID with reflex to drug susceptibility
Turnaround Time	150 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Nonviable isolates sent for phenotypic DST and contaminated or mixed isolates sent for phenotypic DST will interfere with the test. Specimen can be rejected if improperly labeled or unlabeled, insufficient volume for testing, without documentation or with discrepant documentation, and have leaked in transit or otherwise show evidence of contamination.
Additional Information	Turn around time is dependent on batch orders: Batches with less than 100 specimens within 150 days Batches with greater than 100, contact Heather Alexander, drz5@cdc.gov.

Test Order
***Mycobacterium* TB Complex (International Only) Identification**
and Drug Susceptibility Testing
CDC-10352

Drug Susceptibility Testing on *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex performed for first line drugs streptomycin, isoniazid, rifampicin, ethambutol, and pyrazinamide on the BD BACTEC™MGIT™ 960 system and for isoniazid and rifampicin on molecular line probe assay. Drug Susceptibility Testing on *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex performed for second line drugs with the modified method of proportion for streptomycin, isoniazid, rifampicin, ethambutol, rifabutin, PAS, ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, kanamycin, ethionamide, capreomycin, and amikacin. Genotype MTBDRsl tests second line drugs are ofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, moxifloxacin, amikacin, kanamycin, capreomycin, viomycin and ethambutol.

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Test Order
Mycobacterium TB Complex (International Only) Special Study
 CDC-10353

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Alexander, Heather, (404) 639-5331, drz5@cdc.gov
 DeGruy, Kyle, (404) 639-0875, gsz4@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling All primary specimen containers must include 2 unique identifiers at the time of collection. The identifiers must be clearly labeled on each specimen and correspond to information on the requisition form.

Surveillance studies and some protocols require 1 unique identifier (the ILB recommends 2 identifiers) de-linked from the patient. Do not include the patient's name or any other personally identifiable information. Results are not reported back to patient.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information

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Test Order
***Mycoplasma pneumoniae* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10155

Synonym(s)	Walking pneumonia, Atypical pneumonia, Community Acquired Pneumoniae (CAP)
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Nasopharyngeal (NP) and/or Oropharyngeal (OP) swabs, and any lower respiratory tract specimen including bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) and sputum; tissue, cerebral spinal fluid , isolates and purified nucleic acid; Others upon consultation with laboratory.
Minimum Volume Required	Contingent upon specimen type. Please call for consultation
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens can be kept refrigerated if shipped in less than 72 hours of collection; otherwise specimen should be kept frozen. Store swabs in universal transport medium.
Transport Medium	Universal transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be sent on ice packs Frozen specimen should be sent on dry ice
Methodology	Real Time PCR
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Do not use cotton swabs with wooden shafts. Specimen should be acquired prior to antibiotic treatment. Improper specimen storage and handling may result in inconclusive or inaccurate results.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Jonas Winchell (404) 639-4921 Jwinchell@cdc.gov Maureen Diaz (404) 639-4534 mdiaz1@cdc.gov

Test Order
Mycoplasma species Study
CDC-10156

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Winchell, Jonas, (404) 639-4921, jwinchell@cdc.gov
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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Jonas Winchell
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Test Order
***Naegleria* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10482

Synonym(s)	Free-living ameba, parasite
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Please provide the following information: history of present illness, exposure history, past medical history, treatment history, CSF results, imaging results. If images are available please upload to: http://www.cdc.gov/dpdx
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	For <i>Naegleria fowleri</i> molecular detection, CSF is the preferred specimen type. We also accept fresh or frozen tissue for <i>N. fowleri</i> molecular detection. For <i>Acanthamoeba</i> and <i>Balamuthia</i> molecular detection, tissue is the preferred specimen type; however, these amoebae can occasionally be detected in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL CSF; 0.2 g tissue
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Storage and preservation is specimen specific
Transport Medium	Small piece of tissue should be transported in small amount of 0.5x PBS to prevent dryness.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (sex, date of birth, name, etc.), provide specimen type and date of collection.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please contact laboratory prior to shipping any specimen and include unit 53 on the outside of package. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent, unless the specimen has been previously frozen. Frozen specimens may be shipped in cold with ice packs. Please send the shipment tracking number on the day of shipment by e-mail to the CDC Point of Contacts (see below).
Methodology	Real-Time PCR
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Formalin-fixed specimens are not suitable for molecular studies as formalin fixation may cause DNA degradation. Fresh or frozen specimens, if available, are preferred over the formalin-fixed specimens.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Jennifer Cope (404) 718-4878 bjt9@cdc.gov Ibne Ali (404) 718-4157 xzn5@cdc.gov

Test Order

NARMS Susceptibility Testing

CDC-10107

Synonym(s)	National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System, NARMS surveillance
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Submitter must be a NARMS participating laboratory. Specimens accepted according to current National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS) sampling scheme. NARMS log sheet or entry into NARMS web interface.
Supplemental Form	https://wwwn.cdc.gov/NARMS/UserLogin.aspx
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates. Specimens accepted according to NARMS guidelines
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Please refer to guidance for specific organism
Specimen Labeling	State or local public health laboratory number
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please refer to guidance for specific organism.
Methodology	Broth Microdilution Antimicrobial Susceptibility (AST), E-Test Susceptibility Testing
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	The turn around time depends on the nature of subtyping performed; and, results are typically reported directly to the surveillance databases.
CDC Points of Contact	Christina Scheel (404) 639-3126 zsr3@cdc.gov Jason Foster (404) 639-4948 gux8@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Neisseria* (STD) Identification**
CDC-10101

Synonym(s) *Neisseria*, GC

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Genital, pharyngeal, and/or rectal swabs. In addition, bacterial culture or isolate on appropriate culture media

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen needs to be stored in a manner that will maintain viability of gonorrhea

Transport Medium Any acceptable medium for gonorrhea transport

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice and refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Phenotypic identification

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations Anything that can affect viability of gonorrhea will adversely affect the test results

Additional Information Please provide information on any antibiotics the patient may have been treated with

CDC Points of Contact John Papp
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Test Order
Neisseria gonorrhoeae Study
CDC-10103

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Papp, John, (404) 639-3785, jwp6@cdc.gov
Pettus, Kevin, (404) 639-4338, kbp9@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact John Papp
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Test Order
Neisseria gonorrhoeae Susceptibility Testing
 CDC-10102

Synonym(s)	<i>Neisseria</i> AST, GC Susceptibility
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Genital, pharyngeal, and/or rectal swabs. In addition, bacterial culture or isolate on appropriate growth media
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen needs to be stored in a manner that will maintain viability of gonorrhea
Transport Medium	Any acceptable medium for gonorrhea transport
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice and refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs, as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	Agar Plate Dilution, E-test, Disk Diffusion
Turnaround Time	4 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Anything that can affect viability of gonorrhea will adversely affect the test results
Additional Information	Please provide information on any antibiotics the patient may have been treated with
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Test Order

Neisseria meningitidis Identification and Serogrouping

CDC-10219

Synonym(s) *N. meningitidis* ID and SASG

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate, frozen stock, primary specimen such as CSF, whole blood, serum, and other sterile site specimen types upon consultation.

Minimum Volume Required 0.25 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store slants at ambient temperature. Primary specimens and stocks should be frozen.

Transport Medium Preferred medium include chocolate agar slants or frozen stocks. If possible, for the shipment of 10 or more specimens, please ship frozen stocks.

Specimen Labeling Tests subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Label ABCs/Enhanced Surveillance specimens with the state ID & accession number.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. May ship Friday's with prior approval only.
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

Methodology Growth, Morphology, Biochemical Testing, Slide Agglutination Serogrouping, Real-time PCR

Turnaround Time 30 Days

Interferences & Limitations Improperly temperature controlled specimens/isolates can give false negative results.

Additional Information Turnaround time: 30 days for real-time PCR testing of clinical specimens; 90 days for testing of enhanced surveillance submissions

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Test Order
Neisseria meningitidis Study
 CDC-10220

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Wang, Xin, (404) 639-5474, gqe8@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required Brief description of study or surveillance program.
 Supplemental Form Required: CDC Meningitis Laboratory: Molecular Typing Request Submission Form (provided upon request by CDC Meningitis Laboratory).

Supplemental Form

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate or frozen stock.

Minimum Volume Required N/A

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Store slants at ambient temperature. Stocks should be kept frozen.

Transport Medium Chocolate agar slants or frozen stocks.

Specimen Labeling Tests subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. May ship on Fridays with prior approval only.

Methodology Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST), Molecular typing of the outer membrane protein genes porB and fetA, Molecular typing of the vaccine candidates porA, nhbA, nadA, and fHbp, Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS), Other testing

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Neisseria species (Not GC or *meningococcus*) ID
CDC-10139

Synonym(s) *Neisseria*, GNDC

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; Consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

CDC Points of Contact John McQuiston
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Test Order
Nipah Virus Identification
CDC-10354

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order
Nipah Virus Serology
CDC-10355

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order
Nocardia species ID
CDC-10150

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

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Test Order
Nocardia species ID and AST
CDC-10151

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please notify laboratory prior to shipment if this is a critical care specimen

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; consultation required for other sample/specimen types

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated if unable to ship immediately

Transport Medium Suitable agar slant medium

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Methodology Primary Culture based on specimen type, MALDI–TOF, 16S sequence based identification, AST by broth microdilution

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations The 3 week turnaround time applies to all tests unless biochemical and/or phenotypic analysis are required, which could take up to 2 months for test results.

Additional Information If available, please provide patient history including if the patient has used a catheter and/or if the patient is immunocompromised.

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Test Order
Norovirus Genotyping
CDC-10356

Synonym(s) Norovirus

Pre-Approval Needed Vinje, Jan, (404) 639-3721, ahx8@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Stool, environmental swab

Minimum Volume Required 0.25 g or 0.25 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be stored at 2°-8°C

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing

Turnaround Time 4 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Norovirus Molecular Detection
CDC-10357

Synonym(s) Norovirus

Pre-Approval Needed Vinje, Jan, (404) 639-3721, ahx8@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Stool, environmental swab

Minimum Volume Required 0.25 g or 0.25 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen should be stored at 2°-8°C

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Jan Vinje
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Test Order
Norovirus Molecular Detection and Genotyping
CDC-10358

Synonym(s) Norovirus

Pre-Approval Needed Vinje, Jan, (404) 639-3721, ahx8@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Stool, environmental swab

Minimum Volume Required 0.25 g or 0.25 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be stored at 2°-8°C

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing

Turnaround Time 4 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
***Orientia* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10359

Synonym(s) Scrub Typhus

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided:
 – Suspected Agent
 – Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.)
 – Date of illness onset (and time if available)
 – Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.)
 – Test requested
 – Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Acute samples only, anticoagulated whole blood collected in Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) treated tubes preferred; serum; fresh tissue biopsy

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.

Transport Medium Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) blood tubes for blood; tissue in a sample collection tube

Specimen Labeling Patient name and date of birth

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.

Methodology Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing

Turnaround Time 6 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolysis in whole blood specimen will interfere with results. Multiple freeze thaw cycles and sample storage above refrigerated temperatures will interfere with proper nucleic acid extraction. If a specimen is drawn at convalescence it will reduce the chance of the target organism being present in blood. Avoid collection of blood specimen in heparin tubes.

Additional Information The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.

CDC Points of Contact Cecilia Kato
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Test Order
Orientia Serology
CDC-10360

Synonym(s) Scrub Typhus

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided:

- Suspected Agent
- Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.)
- Date of illness onset (and time if available)
- Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.)
- Test requested
- Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum
-acute (during active stage of illness)
-convalescent (2-4 weeks after acute stage)

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name and date of birth

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.

Methodology Indirect Fluorescence Assay (IFA)

Turnaround Time 6 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Multiple freeze thaw cycles may interfere with antigen binding. Use sterile technique to avoid contamination of sample as this may compromise the sample and interfere with the ability to get accurate results. Acute and convalescent serum is needed for accurate diagnosis and if unable to collect both please contact laboratory prior to shipping.

Additional Information The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial lab.

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Test Order
Orientia Special Study
CDC-10500

Synonym(s) Scrub typhus

Pre-Approval Needed Kato, Cecilia, (404) 639-0152, ckato@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology Molecular detection, Serology, Culture, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Other
Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Paragonimiasis Serology
CDC-10465

Synonym(s) *Paragonimus westermani*; *Paragonimus kellicotti*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and previous test results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Immunoblot, Western Blot, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Parasite – Morphologic Identification (O+P)
CDC-10234

Synonym(s) Parasitology, Malaria parasite identification, Blood parasite, ova and parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Supplemental form not needed

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Stool specimens, blood, and tissue. Additional acceptable specimens are listed on the supplemental link.

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Storage and preservation is specimen specific, see supplemental link

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Shipping is specimen specific see supplemental link

Methodology Microscopy

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Parasite – Special Study
CDC-10237

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed McAuliffe, Isabel, (404) 718-4100, ibm4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order

Parechovirus Detection and Identification

CDC-10362

Synonym(s)	Human parechovirus, HPEV, Echovirus 22, Echovirus 23, Ljungan virus, parechovirus
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Specimens include stool, serum, throat or nasal swab, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), vesicle fluid or lesion, rectal, or nasopharyngeal (NP)/oropharyngeal (OP) swabs. Fresh or frozen tissues are preferred to Formalin fixed tissues, but will accept both.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	<p>Vesicle fluid, rectal, or nasopharyngeal (NP)/oropharyngeal (OP) swabs: Use only sterile Dacron or rayon swabs with plastic shafts or if available, flocked swabs. Do NOT use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden sticks, as they may contain substances that inactivate some viruses and inhibit some molecular assays. Place the swab immediately into a sterile viral containing 2mL of viral transport media without antibiotics, if possible.</p> <p>Stool: Collect in a clean, dry, leak-proof container.</p> <p>Serum: For each serum specimen, collect whole blood into a serum separator tube (marble or tiger top SST). Allow to clot at room temperature for a minimum of 30 minutes and centrifuge.</p>
Transport Medium	Viral transport medium. If you do not have viral transport media, place the swab into a sterile vial without viral transport media. Aseptically, cut or break applicator sticks off near the tip to permit tightening of the cap. For NP/OP swabs, both swabs can be placed in the same vial, if desired.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	<p>Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice and refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs, as an etiologic agent.</p> <p>Include the full name, title, complete mailing address, email address, telephone, and fax number of the submitter. This will be the person to whom the final report will be mailed to.</p>
Methodology	Molecular techniques
Turnaround Time	10 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Collecting specimens during the first week of illness is ideal although the virus can be shed in stool for several weeks. A specimen set collected in the second week of illness should include a rectal swab or stool sample.
Additional Information	<p>Minimum volume for cell culture is 0.5-1 mL, for CSF is 60 uL, and for fresh frozen tissues is 2 mm².</p> <p>Stool: Stool may be collected within 14 days of symptom onset. Collect 10-20 g of stool in a clean, dry, leak-proof container.</p>

Test Order
Parechovirus Detection and Identification
CDC-10362

Serum: For each serum specimen, collect (adults and children >6kg: 5 mL, children <6 kg: 2 mL) of whole blood into a serum separator tube (marble or tiger top SST). A minimum of 1 mL of whole blood is needed for testing of pediatric patients. Allow to clot at room temperature for a minimum of 30 minutes and centrifuge.

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Test Order
Parvovirus B19 Molecular Detection
CDC-10363

Synonym(s)	Fifth Disease
Pre-Approval Needed	Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum, blood, plasma, and amniotic fluid
Minimum Volume Required	0.25 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Refrigerate all specimens promptly after collection. If specimens can be shipped to CDC within 72 hours of collection, they should be kept refrigerated at 4°C and shipped on gel ice-packs. If specimens must be held for >72 hours, they should be promptly frozen at -70°C and shipped on dry ice. Liquid specimens should be aliquoted into properly labeled, leak-proof, unbreakable screw cap vials. Samples should be collected and processed in a manner that prevents cross-contamination between specimens, including changing gloves between specimens.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Do not use wooden-shafted swabs or calcium alginate swabs
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Dean Erdman (404) 639-3727 dde1@cdc.gov Shifaq Kamili (404) 639-2799 sgk5@cdc.gov

Test Order
Parvovirus B19 Serology
CDC-10364

Synonym(s) Fifth Disease

Pre-Approval Needed Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 0.25 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Refrigerate all specimens promptly after collection. If specimens can be shipped to CDC within 72 hours of collection, they should be kept refrigerated at 4°C and shipped on gel ice-packs. If specimens must be held for >72 hours, they should be promptly frozen at -70°C and shipped on dry ice. Liquid specimens should be aliquoted into properly labeled, leak-proof, unbreakable screw cap vials. Samples should be collected and processed in a manner that prevents cross-contamination between specimens, including changing gloves between specimens.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
 Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
 Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology IgG and IgM enzyme immunoassay

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Do not collect in heparin tubes

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Pathologic Evaluation of CNS Infections
CDC-10365

Synonym(s)	Central Nervous Tissue, autopsy, biopsy, formalin fixed tissues, fresh and frozen tissues, tissue culture, pathology, paraffin blocks, histopathology, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	Pathology Branch, , (404) 639-3132, pathology@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Please include a cover letter outlining a brief clinical history, including relevant demographic/epidemiologic information, a copy of (a) the autopsy report (preliminary or final) or (b) surgical pathology/report, copies of pertinent results (microbiology, hematology, serology, culture, and/or biochemical) and images (clinical and/or gross autopsy photos). Please include a key to the identification of the blocks
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/index.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	The preferred specimens include paraffin blocks of involved CNS tissue, or representative tissues (See Additional Information section) in formalin. Fresh-frozen tissue may also be submitted.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specifics will be determined upon consultation. In general, paraffin-embedded tissue blocks should be submitted where tissues have been in formalin for a significant time, wet tissue should be in 10% neutral buffered formalin, unstained slides (not optimal) should be cut at 3-5 microns (10 slides per block), and Electron Microscopy specimen should be fixed in glutaraldehyde and held in phosphate buffer.
Transport Medium	Electron Microscopy specimen containers should be filled to the top with phosphate buffer and sent on wet ice. Do not freeze.
Specimen Labeling	Specimen (block) key, denoting tissue type is extremely helpful and will expedite results
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday-Thursday, overnight. If specimen is frozen, send separately on dry ice. If specimen is refrigerated, ship on frozen gel packs. For urgent cases, please contact laboratory immediately. During hot weather, to avoid melting of paraffin blocks, they should be packed on ice packs. Do not pack wet tissue and frozen tissue together, please package separately to avoid freezing and damage of wet tissue. Please include the full name, title, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers of the submitter. This will be to whom the final pathology report is addressed.
Methodology	Histopathology, H&E's and Special Stains, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sequencing, Electron Microscopy (EM), Tissue Culture, Nucleic Acid Extraction
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Prolonged fixation (>2 weeks) may interfere with some immunohistochemical and molecular diagnostic assays
Additional Information	Preliminary results are usually reported within 1 week, but may take up to 2 weeks depending on the nature of the case. Images are especially important in evaluation and guiding of testing. Possible tissue sites include cerebralcortex (frontal, parietal, temporal, and

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occipital), brain stem (midbrain, pons, medulla) and spinal cord, cerebellum, basal ganglia, thalamus, hypothalamus, and hippocampus, and meninges.

CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
(404) 639-3132
pathology@cdc.gov

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Pathologic Evaluation of Influenza and Other Viral Infections
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Synonym(s)	Autopsy, biopsy, formalin fixed tissues, fresh and frozen tissues, tissue culture, pathology, paraffin blocks, histopathology, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	Pathology Branch, , (404) 639-3132, pathology@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Please include a cover letter outlining a brief clinical history, including relevant demographic/epidemiologic information, a copy of (a) the autopsy report (preliminary or final) or (b) surgical pathology/report, copies of pertinent results (microbiology, hematology, serology, culture, and/or biochemical) and images (clinical and/or gross autopsy photos). Please include a key to the identification of the blocks
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/index.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Representative blocks or fixed tissue specimen of upper and lower respiratory and tissue showing pathology. Formalin-fixed paraffin embedded blocks made from BAL can also be submitted for IHC staining. Fresh-frozen tissue may also be submitted.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specifics will be determined upon consultation. In general, paraffin-embedded tissue blocks should be submitted where tissues have been in formalin for a significant time, wet tissue should be in 10% neutral buffered formalin, unstained slides (not optimal), should be cut at 3-5 microns (10 slides per block), and Electron Microscopy specimen should be fixed in glutaraldehyde and held in phosphate buffer.
Transport Medium	Electron Microscopy specimen containers should be filled to the top with phosphate buffer and sent on wet ice. Do not freeze.
Specimen Labeling	Specimen (block) key, denoting tissue type is extremely helpful and will expedite results.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday-Thursday, overnight. If specimen is frozen, send separately on dry ice. If specimen is refrigerated, ship on frozen gel packs. For urgent cases, please contact laboratory immediately. During hot weather, to avoid melting of paraffin blocks, they should be packed on ice packs. Do not pack wet tissue and frozen tissue together, please package separately to avoid freezing and damage of wet tissue. Please include the full name, title, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers of the submitter. This will be to whom the final pathology report is addressed.
Methodology	Histopathology, H&E's and Special Stains, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sequencing, Electron Microscopy (EM), Tissue Culture, Nucleic Acid Extraction for transfer to SME
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Prolonged fixation (>2 weeks) may interfere with some immunohistochemical and molecular diagnostic assays
Additional Information	Preliminary results are usually reported within 1 week, but may take up to 2 weeks depending on the nature of the case. Images are especially important in evaluation and guiding of testing.

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The recommended pulmonary sites include central (hilar) lung with segmental bronchi, right and left primary bronchi, trachea (proximal and distal), representative pulmonary parenchyma from right and left lung, for patients with suspected myocarditis, encephalitis, or rhabdomyolysis, specimens should include myocardium (right and left ventricle), CNS (cerebral cortex, basal ganglia, pons, medulla, and cerebellum, and skeletal muscle, respectively, and specimens should be included from any other organ showing significant gross or microscopic pathology.

CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
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pathology@cdc.gov

Test Order
Pathologic Evaluation of Myocarditis
CDC-10367

Synonym(s)	Autopsy, biopsy, formalin fixed tissues, fresh and frozen tissues, tissue culture, pathology, paraffin blocks, histopathology, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	Pathology Branch, , (404) 639-3132, pathology@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Please include a cover letter outlining a brief clinical history, including relevant demographic/epidemiologic information, a copy of (a) the autopsy report (preliminary or final) or (b) surgical pathology/report, copies of pertinent results (microbiology, hematology, serology, culture, and/or biochemical) and images (clinical and/or gross autopsy photos). Please include a key to the identification of the blocks
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/index.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Minimum of 2 paraffin blocks of involved heart tissue, or representative tissues in formalin (i.e. wet tissue). Fresh-frozen tissue may also be submitted for culture and molecular-based assays.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specifics will be determined upon consultation. In general, paraffin-embedded tissue blocks should be submitted where tissues have been in formalin for a significant time, wet tissue should be in 10% neutral buffered formalin, unstained slides (not optimal), should be cut at 3-5 microns (10 slides per block), and Electron Microscopy specimen should be fixed in glutaraldehyde and held in phosphate buffer.
Transport Medium	Electron Microscopy specimen containers should be filled to the top with phosphate buffer and sent on wet ice. Do not freeze.
Specimen Labeling	Specimen (block) key, denoting tissue type is extremely helpful and will expedite results
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday-Thursday, overnight. If specimen is frozen, send separately on dry ice. If specimen is refrigerated, ship on frozen gel packs. For urgent cases, please contact laboratory immediately. During hot weather, to avoid melting of paraffin blocks, they should be packed on ice packs. Do not pack wet tissue and frozen tissue together, please package separately to avoid freezing and damage of wet tissue. Please include the full name, title, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers of the submitter. This will be to whom the final pathology report is addressed.
Methodology	Histopathology, H&E's and Special Stains, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sequencing, Electron Microscopy (EM), Tissue Culture, Nucleic Acid Extraction for transfer to SME
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Prolonged fixation (>2 weeks) may interfere with some immunohistochemical and molecular diagnostic assays
Additional Information	Preliminary results are usually reported within 1 week, but may take up to 2 weeks depending on the nature of the case. Images are especially important in evaluation and guiding of testing. Specific guidelines for these samples include multiple fragments of cardiac

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tissue representing each anatomic portion of the heart involved by inflammatory infiltrates (e.g., ventricles, epicardium, pericardium), and if myocarditis is identified in the context of a systemic illness, representative tissues should be included from any other organ showing significant microscopic pathology.

CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
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Pathologic Evaluation of Pneumonia and Other Respiratory Infections

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Synonym(s) Autopsy, biopsy, formalin fixed tissues, fresh and frozen tissues, tissue culture, pathology, paraffin blocks, histopathology, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, PCR

Pre-Approval Needed Pathology Branch, , (404) 639-3132, pathology@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required Please include a cover letter outlining a brief clinical history, including relevant demographic/epidemiologic information, a copy of (a) the autopsy report (preliminary or final) or (b) surgical pathology/report, copies of pertinent results (microbiology, hematology, serology, culture, and/or biochemical) and images (clinical and/or gross autopsy photos).

Please include a key to the identification of the blocks

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/index.html>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Representative (minimum of 8) blocks and fixed tissue representing different pulmonary sites and other organs showing pathology. Formalin-fixed paraffin embedded blocks made from BAL can also be submitted. Fresh-frozen tissue may be submitted.

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specifics will be determined upon consultation. In general, paraffin-embedded tissue blocks should be submitted where tissues have been in formalin for a significant time, wet tissue should be in 10% neutral buffered formalin, unstained slides (not optimal), should be cut at 3-5 microns (10 slides per block), and Electron Microscopy specimen should be fixed in glutaraldehyde and held in phosphate buffer.

Transport Medium Electron Microscopy specimen containers should be filled to the top with phosphate buffer and sent on wet ice. Do not freeze.

Specimen Labeling Specimen (block) key, denoting tissue type is extremely helpful and will expedite results

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday-Thursday, overnight. If specimen is frozen, send separately on dry ice. If specimen is refrigerated, ship on frozen gel packs. For urgent cases, please contact laboratory immediately. During hot weather, to avoid melting of paraffin blocks, they should be packed on ice packs. Do not pack wet tissue and frozen tissue together, please package separately to avoid freezing and damage of wet tissue. Please include the full name, title, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers of the submitter. This will be to whom the final pathology report is addressed.

Methodology Histopathology, H&E's and Special Stains, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sequencing, Electron Microscopy (EM), Tissue Culture, Nucleic Acid Extraction for transfer to SME

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Prolonged fixation (>2 weeks) may interfere with some immunohistochemical and molecular diagnostic assays

Additional Information Preliminary results are usually reported within 1 week, but may take up to 2 weeks depending on the nature of the case.

Images are especially important in evaluation and guiding of testing.

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Infections
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The preferred pulmonary sites include hilar lung with segmental bronchi, primary bronchi, and trachea, peripheral pulmonary parenchyma from both lungs and specimens should be included from any other organ showing significant gross or microscopic pathology.

CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
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Test Order

Pathologic Evaluation of Rash and Eschar–Associated Illness

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Synonym(s)	Autopsy, biopsy, formalin fixed tissues, fresh and frozen tissues, tissue culture, pathology, paraffin blocks, histopathology, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	Pathology Branch, , (404) 639–3132, pathology@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Please include a cover letter outlining a brief clinical history, including relevant demographic/epidemiologic information, a copy of (a) the autopsy report (preliminary or final) or (b) surgical pathology/report, copies of pertinent results (microbiology, hematology, serology, culture, and/or biochemical) and images (clinical and/or gross autopsy photos). Please include a key to the identification of the blocks
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/index.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Representative (minimum 1) paraffin block of the cutaneous lesion, or an appropriate biopsy specimen in formalin (i.e. wet tissue). Fresh–frozen tissue may also be submitted for culture and molecular based assays.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specifics will be determined upon consultation. In general, paraffin–embedded tissue blocks should be submitted where tissues have been in formalin for a significant time, wet tissue should be in 10% neutral buffered formalin, unstained slides (not optimal), should be cut at 3–5 microns (10 slides per block), and Electron Microscopy specimen should be fixed in glutaraldehyde and held in phosphate buffer.
Transport Medium	Electron Microscopy specimen containers should be filled to the top with phosphate buffer and sent on wet ice. Do not freeze.
Specimen Labeling	Specimen (block) key, denoting tissue type is extremely helpful and will expedite results
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight. If specimen is frozen, send separately on dry ice. If specimen is refrigerated, ship on frozen gel packs. For urgent cases, please contact laboratory immediately. During hot weather, to avoid melting of paraffin blocks, they should be packed on ice packs. Do not pack wet tissue and frozen tissue together, please package separately to avoid freezing and damage of wet tissue. Please include the full name, title, complete mailing address, e–mail address, and telephone and fax numbers of the submitter. This will be to whom the final pathology report is addressed.
Methodology	Histopathology, H&E's and Special Stains, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sequencing, Electron Microscopy (EM), Tissue Culture, Nucleic Acid Extraction for transfer to SME
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Prolonged fixation (>2 weeks) may interfere with some immunohistochemical and molecular diagnostic assays
Additional Information	Preliminary results are usually reported within 1 week, but may take up to 2 weeks depending on the nature of the case. Images are especially important in evaluation and guiding of testing. Specific guidelines for the samples include minimally, a 3 mm punch, deep

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CDC–10369

shave, or excisional biopsy specimen from the eschar or a representative rash lesion. If multiple stages or forms of cutaneous lesions are identified, multiple biopsies should be submitted, and if a rash is identified in the context of a systemic fatal illness, representative tissues should be included from any other organ showing significant gross or microscopic pathology.

CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
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Test Order
Pathologic Evaluation of Select Hepatides
CDC-10370

Synonym(s)	pathologic evaluation of tissue, autopsy, biopsy, formalin fixed tissues, fresh and frozen tissues, tissue culture, pathology, paraffin blocks, histopathology, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	Pathology Branch, , (404) 639-3132, pathology@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Please include a cover letter outlining a brief clinical history, including relevant demographic/epidemiologic information, a copy of (a) the autopsy report (preliminary or final) or (b) surgical pathology/report, copies of pertinent results (microbiology, hematology, serology, culture, and/or biochemical) and images (clinical and/or gross autopsy photos). Please include a key to the identification of the blocks
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/index.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Representative (minimum of 2) paraffin blocks of involved hepatic tissue and representative tissues in formalin. Fresh-frozen tissue may also be submitted and epoxy-embedded tissues. Other major organs as applicable and others upon consultation.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specifics will be determined upon consultation. In general, paraffin-embedded tissue blocks should be submitted where tissues have been in formalin for a significant time, wet tissue should be in 10% neutral buffered formalin, unstained slides (not optimal), should be cut at 3-5 microns (10 slides per block), and Electron Microscopy specimen should be fixed in glutaraldehyde and held in phosphate buffer.
Transport Medium	Electron Microscopy specimen containers should be filled to the top with phosphate buffer and sent on wet ice. Do not freeze.
Specimen Labeling	Specimen (block) key, denoting tissue type is extremely helpful and will expedite results
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday-Thursday, overnight. If specimen are frozen, send separately on dry ice. If specimen are refrigerated, ship on frozen gel packs. For urgent cases, please contact laboratory immediately. During hot weather, to avoid melting of paraffin blocks, they should be packed on ice packs. Do not pack wet tissue and frozen tissue together, please package separately to avoid freezing and damage of wet tissue. Please include the full name, title, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers of the submitter. This will be to whom the final pathology report is addressed.
Methodology	Histopathology, H&E's and Special Stains, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sequencing, Electron Microscopy (EM), Tissue Culture, Nucleic Acid Extraction for transfer to SME
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Prolonged fixation (>2 weeks) may interfere with some immunohistochemical and molecular diagnostic assays
Additional Information	Preliminary results are usually reported within 1 week, but may take up to 2 weeks depending on the nature of the case. Images are especially important in evaluation and guiding of testing.

Test Order
Pathologic Evaluation of Select Hepatides
CDC-10370

Specific guidelines for these samples include multiple fragments of liver tissue involved by inflammatory infiltrates and if hepatitis is identified in the context of systemic illness, representative tissues should be included from any other organ showing significant microscopic pathology.

CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
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Test Order
Pathologic Evaluation of Sudden Unexplained Infant Death
with Suspicion of Infection
CDC-10371

Synonym(s) Autopsy, biopsy, formalin fixed tissues, fresh and frozen tissues, tissue culture, pathology, paraffin blocks, histopathology, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, PCR

Pre-Approval Needed Pathology Branch, , (404) 639-3132, pathology@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required Please include a cover letter outlining a brief clinical history, including relevant demographic/epidemiologic information, a copy of (a) the autopsy report (preliminary or final) or (b) surgical pathology/report, copies of pertinent results (microbiology, hematology, serology, culture, and/or biochemical) and images (clinical and/or gross autopsy photos).

Please include a key to the identification of the blocks

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/index.html>

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Tissues should be collected in accordance with the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) protocol for a complete SUID autopsy. Tissue from the organ(s) demonstrating pathology and major organs without apparent histopathologic changes.

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specifics will be determined upon consultation. In general, paraffin-embedded tissue blocks should be submitted where tissues have been in formalin for a significant time, wet tissue should be in 10% neutral buffered formalin, unstained slides (not optimal), should be cut at 3-5 microns (10 slides per block), and Electron Microscopy specimen should be fixed in glutaraldehyde and held in phosphate buffer.

Transport Medium Electron Microscopy specimen containers should be filled to the top with phosphate buffer and sent on wet ice. Do not freeze.

Specimen Labeling Specimen (block) key, denoting tissue type is extremely helpful and will expedite results

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday-Thursday, overnight. If specimen is frozen, send separately on dry ice. If specimen is refrigerated, ship on frozen gel packs. For urgent cases, please contact laboratory immediately. During hot weather, to avoid melting of paraffin blocks, they should be packed on ice packs. Do not pack wet tissue and frozen tissue together, please package separately to avoid freezing and damage of wet tissue. Please include the full name, title, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers of the submitter. This will be to whom the final pathology report is addressed.

Methodology Histopathology, H&E's and Special Stains, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sequencing, Electron Microscopy (EM), Tissue Culture, Nucleic Acid Extraction for transfer to SME

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Prolonged fixation (>2 weeks) may interfere with some immunohistochemical and molecular diagnostic assays

Additional Information Preliminary results are usually reported within 1 week, but may take up to 2 weeks depending on the nature of the case.

Images are especially important in evaluation and guiding of testing.

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with Suspicion of Infection
CDC-10371

CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
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Test Order
Pathologic Evaluation of Unexplained Illness Due to Possible
Infectious Etiology
CDC-10372

Synonym(s) Autopsy, biopsy, formalin fixed tissues, fresh and frozen tissues, tissue culture, pathology, paraffin blocks, histopathology, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry, PCR

Pre-Approval Needed Pathology Branch, , (404) 639-3132, pathology@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required Please include a cover letter outlining a brief clinical history, including relevant demographic/epidemiologic information, a copy of (a) the autopsy report (preliminary or final) or (b) surgical pathology/report, copies of pertinent results (microbiology, hematology, serology, culture, and/or biochemical) and images (clinical and/or gross autopsy photos).

Please include a key to the identification of the blocks

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/idpb/index.html>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Representative tissues from all organs showing microscopic pathology. Preferred specimens include paraffin blocks of tissues showing gross or microscopic pathology and representative tissues in formalin. Fresh-frozen tissue may also be submitted.

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specifics will be determined upon consultation. In general, paraffin-embedded tissue blocks should be submitted where tissues have been in formalin for a significant time, wet tissue should be in 10% neutral buffered formalin, unstained slides (not optimal), should be cut at 3-5 microns (10 slides per block), and Electron Microscopy specimen should be fixed in glutaraldehyde and held in phosphate buffer.

Transport Medium Electron Microscopy specimen containers should be filled to the top with phosphate buffer and sent on wet ice. Do not freeze.

Specimen Labeling Specimen (block) key, denoting tissue type is extremely helpful and will expedite results

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday-Thursday, overnight. If specimens are frozen, send separately on dry ice. If specimens are refrigerated, ship on frozen gel packs. For urgent cases, please contact laboratory immediately. During hot weather, to avoid melting of paraffin blocks, they should be packed on ice packs. Do not pack wet tissue and frozen tissue together, please package separately to avoid freezing and damage of wet tissue. Please include the full name, title, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers of the submitter. This will be to whom the final pathology report is addressed.

Methodology Histopathology, H&E's and Special Stains, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sequencing, Electron Microscopy (EM), Tissue Culture, Nucleic Acid Extraction for transfer to SME

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Prolonged fixation (>2 weeks) may interfere with some immunohistochemical and molecular diagnostic assays

Additional Information Preliminary results are usually reported within 1 week, but may take up to 2 weeks depending on the nature of the case.

Images are especially important in evaluation and guiding of testing.

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Infectious Etiology
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CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
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Test Order
Pathology Special Study
CDC-10373

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Pathology Branch, , (404) 639-3132, pathology@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology To be determined

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Pathology Branch
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Test Order
Picornavirus Detection and Identification (not Hepatitis A, not Rhinovirus)
CDC-10374

Synonym(s)	Theier's murine encephalomyelitis virus (TMEV), Saffold virus (SAFV), Cosavirus (COSV) (Dekavirus), Salivirus (SALV) (Klassevirus), Kobuvirus, Aichi virus, Encephalomyocarditis virus (EMCV), Vilyuisk virus
Pre-Approval Needed	Nix, Alan, (404) 639-1689, wbn0@cdc.gov Oberste, Steve, (404) 639-5497, mbo2@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Specimens include stool, serum, throat or nasal swab, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), vesicle fluid or lesion, rectal, or nasopharyngeal (NP)/oropharyngeal (OP) swabs. Fresh or frozen tissues are preferred to Formalin fixed tissues, but will accept both.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Vesicle fluid, rectal, or nasopharyngeal (NP)/oropharyngeal (OP) swabs: Use only sterile Dacron or rayon swabs with plastic shafts or if available, flocked swabs. DO NOT use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden sticks, as they may contain substances that inactivate some viruses and inhibit some molecular assays. Place the swab immediately into a sterile viral containing 2mL of viral transport media without antibiotics, if possible. Stool: Collect in a clean, dry, leak-proof container. Serum: For each serum specimen, collect whole blood into a serum separator tube (marble or tiger top SST). Allow to clot at room temperature for a minimum of 30 minutes and centrifuge.
Transport Medium	Viral transport medium. If you do not have viral transport media, place the swab into a sterile vial without viral transport media. Aseptically, cut or break applicator sticks off near the tip to permit tightening of the cap. For NP/OP swabs, both swabs can be placed in the same vial, if desired.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice and refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs, as an etiologic agent. Include the full name, title, complete mailing address, email address, telephone, and fax number of the submitter. This will be the person to whom the final report will be mailed to.
Methodology	Molecular techniques
Turnaround Time	14 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Collecting specimens during the first week of illness is ideal although the virus can be shed in stool for several weeks. A specimen set collected in the second week of illness should include a rectal swab or stool sample.
Additional Information	Minimum volume for cell culture is 0.5-1 mL, for CSF is 60 uL, and for fresh frozen tissues is 2 mm ² .

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**Picornavirus Detection and Identification (not Hepatitis A, not
Rhinovirus)**
CDC-10374

Stool: Stool may be collected within 14 days of symptom onset. Collect 10–20 g of stool in a clean, dry, leak-proof container.

Serum: For each serum specimen, collect (adults and children >6 kg: 5 mL, children <6 kg: 2 mL) of whole blood into a serum separator tube (marble or tiger top SST). A minimum of 1 mL of whole blood is needed for testing of pediatric patients. Allow to clot at room temperature for a minimum of 30 minutes and centrifuge.

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Test Order
Picornavirus Special Study
CDC-10375

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Nix, Alan, (404) 639-1689, wbn0@cdc.gov
Oberste, Steve, (404) 639-5497, mbo2@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Polio Isolation, Intratypic Differentiation, Genotyping
CDC-10376

Synonym(s) PV polio virus, ITD, Polio sequencing, AFP acute flaccid paralysis

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Stool, tissue culture, isolate, Fast Technology for Analysis of nucleic acids (FTA) cards, less common clinical specimens include nasopharyngeal and rectal swabs and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Minimum Volume Required 50 uL (tissue culture)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen refrigerated or frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice and refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Molecular techniques, Cell culture

Turnaround Time 21 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information If case investigation form is readily available, please submit with specimen

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Test Order
Polio Serology
CDC-10377

Synonym(s) Neutralization assay, NT, MNT

Pre-Approval Needed Weldon, William, (404) 639-5485, wiw4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Needs to be collected from clotted whole blood or through serum separated tubes (SST). Serum needs to be frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Neutralization assay

Turnaround Time 4 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Red blood cell hemolysis will adversely affect test results

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Polio Special Study
CDC-10378

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Burns, Cara, (404) 639-5499, zqd1@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Poxvirus – Cowpox Specific Molecular Detection
CDC-10379

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real Time–PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non-frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
**Poxvirus – Encephalitis Work-Up (Post Vaccinia Encephalitis,
Monkeypox, etc.)**
CDC-10380

Synonym(s)	Monkeypox, Post-vaccinial encephalitis
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) and serum must be submitted
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep specimen refrigerated. Serum should be collected in a venous blood tube containing a clot activator and/or gel. Blood tubes should be spun prior to shipment or an aliquot of the collected serum can be shipped.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	ELISA, Real Time PCR
Turnaround Time	2 Days
Interferences & Limitations	In order to accurately interpret test results generated from CSF specimens, paired serum must be submitted
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases – Testing is completed within 48 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases – Testing is completed within 5–7 days of specimen receipt. For serology testing, please notify the lab prior to shipment so reagents can be prepared
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Molluscum Contagiosum Specific Molecular
Detection
CDC-10381

Synonym(s)	MCV
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real Time–PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non-frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Monkeypox Specific Molecular Detection
CDC-10382

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real Time–PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non-frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Orthopoxvirus Serology (Includes Vaccinia virus)
CDC-10384

Synonym(s)	Orthopoxvirus, Vaccinia Antibody detection
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum Sample
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep specimen refrigerated. Serum should be collected in a venous blood tube containing a clot activator and/or gel. Blood tubes should be spun prior to shipment or an aliquot of the collected serum can be shipped.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	ELISA
Turnaround Time	2 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Collection in either heparin and/or EDTA will interfere with results
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed within 48 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed within 5–7 days of specimen receipt. For serology testing, please notify the lab prior to shipment so reagents can be prepared
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Pan–Poxvirus Molecular Detection (Human Infections)
CDC–10385

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639–4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	2 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non–frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639–4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Parapoxvirus Generic Molecular Detection
CDC-10383

Synonym(s)	Sore mouth, scabby mouth, contagious ecthyma
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real Time–PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non-frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Parapoxvirus Molecular Detection
CDC-10386

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real Time–PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non-frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Sealpox Specific Molecular Detection
CDC-10387

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real Time–PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non-frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Smallpox (Variola Virus) Specific Molecular
Detection
CDC-10388

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	DEOC, , (770) 488-7100,
Supplemental Information Required	Call CDC Emergency Operations Center prior to contacting laboratory 770-488-7100
Supplemental Form	http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material, serum, and blood must all be submitted. Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle / pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc.; collection method: touch prep slide, swab, biopsy
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL (blood and serum)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Serum should be collected in a venous blood tube containing a clot activator and/or gel. Blood tubes should be spun prior to shipment or an aliquot of the collected serum can be shipped. Whole blood should be collected in a blood tube containing ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA). Keep specimen refrigerated. It is extremely important not to cross-contaminate specimens (i.e., one specimen per container). Viral transport media should not be added to specimens. All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Approval must be obtained prior to the shipment of potential smallpox patient clinical specimens to CDC
Methodology	Real Time-PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. Heparin may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used to collect whole blood.
Additional Information	A suspected case of smallpox must be immediately reported to appropriate local, state, or territorial health departments. After review, if smallpox is still suspected, the case should be immediately reported to CDC's Emergency Operations Center. Specimens should be collected as outlined in Guide D on the CDC website: http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/response-plan/files/guide-d.pdf
CDC Points of Contact	DEOC (770) 488-7100

Test Order
Poxvirus – Tanapox Specific Molecular Detection
CDC-10389

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real Time–PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non-frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Poxvirus – Vaccinia Specific Molecular Detection
CDC-10390

Synonym(s)	Smallpox Vaccine
Pre-Approval Needed	Help Desk, , (404) 639-4129,
Supplemental Information Required	Clinical consultation with the Poxvirus Program is required prior to specimen shipment to determine testing urgency. A supplemental form will be supplied after initial consultation.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Lesion fluid and/or material: vesicle/pustule skin or fluid, scab, crust, etc. Collection method: fresh or frozen, swab, biopsy, touch prep slides, formalin fixed, paraffin block. Swabs should be made of nylon, polyester, or Dacron material.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	All specimens should be stored at 4°C until shipment. Swabs without individual holders may be stored in a sterile container. Dry swabs are preferred but a minimal amount of viral transport media may be added.
Transport Medium	Prefer swabs dry but will accept specimen in a minimum viral transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. In addition to two patient identifiers (name, date of birth/age, etc.), provide specimen type, date of collection and body location.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Real Time–PCR
Turnaround Time	1 Day
Interferences & Limitations	Swabs intended for the collection and transport of bacterial specimens should not be used. Cotton swabs may cause PCR inhibition and should not be used. The addition of viral transport media to swab specimens will dilute any viral DNA present.
Additional Information	Turnaround time: Urgent cases –Testing is completed and reported within 24 hours of specimen receipt when results directly impact patient care; Routine cases –Testing is completed and reported within 5 business days of specimen receipt. Formalin fixed material is first tested by the Infectious Disease Pathology Branch (IDPB) and will only identify poxviruses to the genus level. DNA may be extracted from paraffin block embedded lesion material and tested by the Poxvirus Program. Fresh, non-frozen tissue is preferred by IDPB.
CDC Points of Contact	Help Desk (404) 639-4129

Test Order
Puumala Serology
CDC-10391

Synonym(s) Hanta, HFRS, Nephropathia epidemica

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order

Rabies Antemortem Human Testing

CDC-10392

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Rabies Duty Officer, , (404) 639-1050,
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pdf/rorform.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	All four of the following are required for testing: serum, CSF, nuchal (skin) biopsy, and saliva
Minimum Volume Required	500 uL (serum, CSF, saliva)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep all samples stored at -80°C and ship on dry ice. Serum and CSF can be refrigerated before shipping. Please see the supplemental link for specific specimen storage and preservation.
Transport Medium	Saliva and Nuchal (skin) biopsy should not be put in a transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition, sample type and date of collection
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship all specimens overnight, first AM delivery and provide the CDC Point of Contact with the tracking number of package. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	IgG by IFA (Serum and CSF), IgM by IFA (Serum and CSF), Viral Neutralizing Antibodies by RFFIT (Serum and CSF), DFA (Nuchal (skin) biopsy), RT-PCR (Nuchal (skin) biopsy), RT-PCR (Saliva), Sequencing
Turnaround Time	3 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Saliva and CSF specimen should be free of blood because blood may interfere with test results due to the inhibitors present in blood
Additional Information	Sequencing will only be performed if the RT-PCR test is positive. Nuchal (skin) biopsy has to be a full punch (5-6 millimeters). If testing needs to be repeated results may take up to 7 days.
CDC Points of Contact	Rabies Duty Officer (404) 639-1050

Test Order
Rabies Antibody – Pre/Post–exposure Prophylaxis
CDC–10393

Synonym(s) Serology, Immunization status, Rabies titer

Pre-Approval Needed Rabies Duty Officer, , (404) 639–1050,

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pdf/rorform.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 500 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen can be kept refrigerated but prefer frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition, sample type and date of collection

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship all specimens overnight, first AM delivery and provide the CDC Point of Contact with the tracking number of package.

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Viral Neutralizing Antibodies RFFIT

Turnaround Time 3 Days

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed samples interfere with test results

Additional Information If testing needs to be repeated results may take up to 7 days

CDC Points of Contact Rabies Duty Officer
(404) 639–1050

Test Order
Rabies Confirmatory Testing (Animal)
CDC-10394

Synonym(s)	Rabies DFA
Pre-Approval Needed	Rabies Duty Officer, , (404) 639-1050,
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Fresh-frozen brain tissues: full cross section of brain stem and cerebellum (vermis, right and left lateral lobes). Other specimens may be submitted upon consultation with Rabies Duty Officer.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Stored at -80°C and should be kept on dry ice
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	One patient identifier on the specimen container and the test requisition, sample type and date of collection
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship all specimens overnight, first AM delivery and provide the CDC Point of Contact with the tracking number of package Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Methodology	DFA for rabies virus antigen, Direct Rapid Immunohistochemistry test (DRIT), Real Time RT-PCR, Virus Isolation, Antigenic Typing, Sequence Analysis
Turnaround Time	2 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Test is limited by decomposed tissues due to denaturation of viral proteins
Additional Information	May take up longer if repeat testing and additional procedures are required to rule-out rabies
CDC Points of Contact	Rabies Duty Officers (404) 639-1050

Test Order
Rabies Confirmatory Testing (Human)
CDC-10395

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Rabies Duty Officer, , (404) 639-1050,
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pdf/rorform.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	All four of the following are required for antemortem testing: serum, CSF, Nuchal (skin) biopsy, and saliva. Fresh-frozen brain tissues for postmortem testing: full cross section of brain stem and cerebellum (vermis right and left lateral lobes).
Minimum Volume Required	500 uL (serum, CSF, saliva)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep all samples stored at -80°C and ship on dry ice. Serum and CSF can be refrigerated before shipping. Please see the supplemental link for specific specimen storage and preservation.
Transport Medium	Saliva and nuchal (skin) biopsy should not be put in a transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition, sample type and date of collection
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship all specimens overnight, first AM delivery and provide the CDC Point of Contact with the tracking number of package. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	IgG by IFA (Serum and CSF), DFA (Nuchal (skin) biopsy and for rabies virus antigen), Antigenic Typing (brain), RT-PCR, Sequence Analysis, Isolation, Direct Rapid Immunohistochemistry test (DRIT), IHC, Viral Neutralizing Antibodies by RFFIT (Serum and CSF)
Turnaround Time	3 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Saliva and CSF specimen should be free of blood because blood may interfere with test results due to the inhibitors present in blood. Test is limited by decomposed tissues due to denaturation of viral proteins.
Additional Information	Sequencing will only be performed if the RT-PCR test is positive. Nuchal (skin) biopsy has to be a full punch (5-6 millimeters). If testing needs to be repeated results may take up to 7 days.
CDC Points of Contact	Rabies Duty Officer (404) 639-1050

Test Order

Rabies Postmortem Human Testing

CDC-10396

Synonym(s)	Rabies DFA
Pre-Approval Needed	Rabies Duty Officer, , (404) 639-1050,
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pdf/rorform.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Fresh-frozen brain tissues: full cross section of brain stem and cerebellum (vermis, right and left lateral lobes). Other specimens may be submitted upon consultation with Rabies Duty Officer.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Stored at -80°C and should be kept on dry ice
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition, sample type and date of collection
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship all specimens overnight, first AM delivery and provide the CDC Point of Contact with the tracking number of package Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Methodology	DFA for rabies virus antigen, RT-PCR, Direct Rapid Immunohistochemistry test (DRIT), Virus Isolation, Sequence Analysis, Antigenic Typing
Turnaround Time	2 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Tests are limited by decomposed tissues due to denaturation of viral proteins
Additional Information	If testing needs to be repeated results may take up to 7 days
CDC Points of Contact	Rabies Duty Officer (404) 639-1050

Test Order
Rabies Special Study
CDC-10501

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Rabies Duty Officer, , (404) 639-1050,
Singletary-Meadows, Kristi, (404) 639-2833, kts9@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pdf/rorform.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen
Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required

Storage & Preservation of
Specimen Prior to Shipping Stored at -80C and should be kept on dry ice.

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which
Include Specimen Handling
Requirements

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Kristi Singletary-Meadows
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Test Order
Rabies Virus Genetic Typing
CDC-10397

Synonym(s)	Rabies Antigenic Typing, Rabies Monoclonal Antibody Typing, Rabies MAB Typing, Rabies RT-PCR, Rabies Sequence Analysis, Rabies Variant Typing
Pre-Approval Needed	Rabies Duty Officer, , (404) 639-1050,
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pdf/rorform.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Fresh-frozen brain tissues: full cross section of brain stem and cerebellum (vermis, right and left lateral lobes) preferred, or a viral isolate. Other specimens may be submitted upon consultation with Rabies Duty Officer.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Stored at -80°C and should be kept on dry ice
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Two unique identifiers for human specimen and one unique identifier for animal specimen, date of collection and specimen type
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday-Thursdays overnight to avoid weekend deliveries and provide the CDC Point of Contact with the tracking number of package Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Methodology	DFA, IFA, Sequence Analysis, RT-PCR, Isolation
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Tests are limited by decomposed tissues due to denaturation of viral proteins
Additional Information	Urgent specimens will be reported within 24 hours if the test does not need to be repeated. Non-urgent specimen may take longer than 7 days.
CDC Points of Contact	Rabies Duty Officer (404) 639-1050

Test Order
Respiratory Agents (*Chlamydia*, *Legionella*, *Mycoplasma*)
Molecular Detection
CDC-10157

Synonym(s)	Atypical pneumonia, CAP, <i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i> , Legionnaires' disease or LD, Legionellosis, Pontiac fever, Walking pneumonia
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Nasopharyngeal (NP) and/or Oropharyngeal (OP) swabs, and any lower respiratory tract specimen including bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) and sputum. Others upon consultation with laboratory.
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens can be kept refrigerated if shipped in less than 72 hours of collection; otherwise specimen should be kept frozen. Store swabs in universal transport medium.
Transport Medium	Universal transport medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Refrigerated specimen should be sent on ice packs Frozen specimen should be sent on dry ice
Methodology	Real Time PCR
Turnaround Time	3 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Do not use cotton swabs with wooden shafts. Specimen should be acquired prior to antibiotic treatment. Improper specimen storage and handling may result in inconclusive or inaccurate results.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Jonas Winchell (404) 639-4921 Jwinchell@cdc.gov Maureen Diaz (404) 639-4534 mdiaz1@cdc.gov

Test Order
Respiratory Virus (Not Influenza) Special Study
CDC-10400

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Dean Erdman
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Test Order

Respiratory Virus Molecular Detection (Not Influenza)

CDC-10401

Synonym(s)	Non-influenza Respiratory Virus
Pre-Approval Needed	Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Upper or lower respiratory tract specimens; pure culture isolate
Minimum Volume Required	0.25 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Refrigerate all specimens promptly after collection. If specimens can be shipped to CDC within 72 hours of collection, they should be kept refrigerated at 4°C and shipped on gel ice-packs. Freezing should be avoided if possible, as this will reduce virus infectivity. Specimens for virus culture should not be frozen at -20° C. If specimens must be held for >72 hours, they should be promptly frozen at -70°C and shipped on dry ice. Liquid specimens should be aliquoted into properly labeled, leak-proof, unbreakable screw cap vials. Samples should be collected and processed in a manner that prevents cross-contamination between specimens, including changing gloves between specimens.
Transport Medium	Swabs may be shipped in commercial viral transport media
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Use only sterile Dacron or rayon swabs with plastic shafts or if available, flocked swabs. Do NOT use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden sticks, as they may contain substances that inactivate some viruses and inhibit some molecular assays.
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Dean Erdman (404) 639-3727 dde1@cdc.gov Shifaq Kamili (404) 639-2799 sgk5@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Rickettsia* Molecular Detection**
CDC-10402

Synonym(s)	Rickettsiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), Spotted fever group <i>Rickettsia</i> (SFG), Typhus group <i>Rickettsia</i> (TG)
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided: – Suspected Agent – Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.) – Date of illness onset (and time if available) – Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.) – Test requested – Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Acute samples only, anticoagulated whole blood collected in Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) treated tubes preferred; serum; fresh tissue biopsy
Minimum Volume Required	1.0 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.
Transport Medium	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) blood tubes for blood; tissue in a sample collection tube
Specimen Labeling	Patient name and date of birth
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.
Methodology	Real Time Polymerase chain Reaction (PCR), Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing
Turnaround Time	6 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Hemolysis in whole blood specimen will interfere with results. Multiple freeze thaw cycles and sample storage above refrigerated temperatures will interfere with proper nucleic acid extraction. If a specimen is drawn at convalescence it will reduce the chance of the target organism being present in blood. Avoid collection of blood specimen in heparin tubes.
Additional Information	The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.
CDC Points of Contact	Cecilia Kato (404) 639-1075 ckato@cdc.gov Christopher Paddock (404) 639-1309 cdp9@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Rickettsia* Serology Spotted Fever Group (RMSF) Serology**
CDC-10403

Synonym(s) Spotted fever group Rickettsiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF)

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided:
 – Suspected Agent
 – Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.)
 – Date of illness onset (and time if available)
 – Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.)
 – Test requested
 – Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum
 –acute (during active stage of illness)
 –convalescent (2–4 weeks after acute stage)

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name and date of birth

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.

Methodology IFA (Immunofluorescence Assay)

Turnaround Time 6 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Multiple freeze thaw cycles may interfere with antigen binding. Use sterile technique to avoid contamination of sample as this may compromise the sample and interfere with the ability to get accurate results. Acute and convalescent serum is needed for accurate diagnosis and if unable to collect both please contact lab prior to shipping.

Additional Information The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.

CDC Points of Contact Cecilia Kato
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 Christopher Paddock
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Test Order
***Rickettsia* Serology Typhus Group Serology**
CDC-10404

Synonym(s) Typhus Group Rickettsiosis, Including epidemic Typhus and murine Typhus

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is required if the following information is not provided:
 – Suspected Agent
 – Travel and exposure history (including animals, arthropods, etc.)
 – Date of illness onset (and time if available)
 – Specimen type (e.g., serum, whole blood, tissue, etc.)
 – Test requested
 – Brief clinical summary (including details of antibiotic therapy and dates) and pertinent clinical findings

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum
 –acute (during active stage of illness)
 –convalescent (2–4 weeks after acute stage)

Minimum Volume Required 1.0 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Ideally keep specimen at a refrigerated temperature not frozen. If previously frozen, then keep specimen frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name and date of birth

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped refrigerated on cold packs.

Methodology Indirect Fluorescence Assay (IFA)

Turnaround Time 6 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Multiple freeze thaw cycles may interfere with antigen binding. Use sterile technique to avoid contamination of sample as this may compromise the sample and interfere with the ability to get accurate results. Acute and convalescent serum is needed for accurate diagnosis and if unable to collect both please contact laboratory prior to shipping.

Additional Information The Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch Reference Diagnostic Laboratory aids State Laboratories in diagnosis of difficult samples/cases or if specialized tests are needed. Routine diagnostic samples should be sent to your State Laboratory or a commercial laboratory.

CDC Points of Contact Cecilia Kato
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Test Order
Rickettsia Special Study
 CDC-10405

Synonym(s)	Rickettsiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), Spotted fever group <i>Rickettsia</i> (SFG), Typhus group <i>Rickettsia</i> (TG)
Pre-Approval Needed	Kato, Cecilia, (404) 639-1075, ckato@cdc.gov Paddock, Christopher, (404) 639-1309, cdp9@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	To be determined
Minimum Volume Required	To be determined
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	To be determined
Transport Medium	To be determined
Specimen Labeling	To be determined
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	To be determined
Methodology	Molecular detection, Serology, Culture, Immunohistochemistry (IHC), Other
Turnaround Time	
Interferences & Limitations	To be determined
Additional Information	To be determined
CDC Points of Contact	Cecilia Kato (404) 639-1075 ckato@cdc.gov Christopher Paddock (404) 639-1309 cdp9@cdc.gov

Test Order
Rift Valley Fever (RVF) Identification
CDC-10406

Synonym(s) RVF

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Frozen tissue, blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Rift Valley Fever (RVF) Serology
CDC-10407

Synonym(s) RVF

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

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Test Order

Rotavirus Detection

CDC-10408

Synonym(s)	Rotavirus Antigen EIA, Rotavirus Antigen ELISA, Rotavirus RT-PCR
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Contact laboratory for supplemental forms
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	None
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Human stool
Minimum Volume Required	0.25 g or 0.25 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen should be kept either frozen at -20°C or colder or refrigerated at 4°C. Specimen tubes or cups must be packed inside of a leak proof secondary container. The secondary container needs to be packed inside an approved class B specimen shipping container (i.e. Fisher scientific cat# 22-130-431).
Transport Medium	Do not send specimen in bacterial or viral transport medium or a fixative
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Wednesday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs Include a hardcopy list of specimens with your shipment. Please notify Mike Bowen (mkb6@cdc.gov) and Charity Perkins (vmf4@cdc.gov) when you are going to send specimens, and include the shipment tracking number if possible.
Methodology	Enzyme immunoassay (EIA), RT-PCR
Turnaround Time	14 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Contact laboratory for instructions to recover a limited sample from diaper material
CDC Points of Contact	Mike Bowen (404) 639-4922 mkb6@cdc.gov Charity Perkins (404) 639-0885 vmf4@cdc.gov

Test Order

Rotavirus Genotyping

CDC-10409

Synonym(s)	Rotavirus Real Time RT-PCR, Rotavirus RT-PCR, Rotavirus Sequencing
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Contact laboratory for supplemental forms.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Human stool
Minimum Volume Required	0.25 g or 0.25 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen should be kept either frozen at -20°C or colder or refrigerated at 4°C. Specimen tubes or cups must be packed inside of a leak proof secondary container. The secondary container needs to be packed inside an approved class B specimen shipping container (i.e. Fisher scientific cat# 22-130-431).
Transport Medium	Do not send specimen in bacterial or viral transport medium or a fixative
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Wednesday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs Include a hardcopy list of specimens with your shipment. Please notify Mike Bowen (mkb6@cdc.gov) and Charity Perkins (vmf4@cdc.gov) when you are going to send specimens, and include the shipment tracking number if possible.
Methodology	RT-PCR, Sequencing
Turnaround Time	4 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Contact laboratory for instructions to recover a limited sample from diaper material
CDC Points of Contact	Mike Bowen (404) 639-4922 mkb6@cdc.gov Charity Perkins (404) 639-0885 vmf4@cdc.gov

Test Order

Rubella Detection (PCR) and Genotyping

CDC-10242

Synonym(s)	German measles, three day measles
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Throat swab in viral medium, nasopharyngeal aspirate or swab, Urine, cataracts, lens aspirate, oral fluid, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), dry blood spots, and tissue samples
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	See: http://www.cdc.gov/rubella/lab/lab-specimens.html for collection and storage protocol
Transport Medium	Viral transport medium for swabs and appropriate culture medium. Make sure tubes are all in leak proof containers.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Clearly label specimen type.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	The laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Template production by RT-PCR, Real time RT-PCR, Viral culture, Genotyping by Nucleic acid sequencing
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	See: http://www.cdc.gov/rubella/lab/index.html for information on the interferences and limitations
Additional Information	Please include vaccination history, age, date of onset and sample collection. For additional information please refer to: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/surv-manual/index.html and http://www.cdc.gov/measles/lab-tools/index.html
CDC Points of Contact	Joe Icenogle (404) 639-4557 jci1@cdc.gov Emily Abernathy (404) 639-1249 efa9@cdc.gov

Test Order
Rubella Serology
CDC-10246

Synonym(s) German measles, three day measles

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum and others upon consultation

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Serum should be kept refrigerated or frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Clearly label specimen type.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Refrigerated or frozen specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Laboratory will instruct on how to ship for other specimen types

Methodology Commercial capture IgM, Commercial indirect IgG

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations IgM positive may not occur until 5 days post-rash onset

Additional Information IgM and IgG assays are qualitative assays
For outbreaks or immuno-compromised patients please contact laboratory prior to shipment

CDC Points of Contact Joe Icenogle
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Test Order

Rubella Serology (IgM and IgG) and Avidity

CDC-10249

Synonym(s)	German measles, three day measles
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum
Minimum Volume Required	200 uL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Serum should be kept refrigerated or frozen
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Clearly label specimen type.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	The laboratory requests that the sender contacts the laboratory by email or phone before shipping Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	CDC IgG avidity assay
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Date of onset is necessary for accurate interpretation
Additional Information	Date of onset, vaccination status, age, date of collection and pregnancy status if applicable.
CDC Points of Contact	Joe Icenogle (404) 639-4557 jci1@cdc.gov Emily Abernathy (404) 639-1249 efa9@cdc.gov

Test Order
Rubella Special Study
CDC-10253

Synonym(s) German measles, three day measles

Pre-Approval Needed Icenogle, Joe, (404) 639-4557, jci1@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Joe Icenogle
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Test Order
***Salmonella* Identification and Serotyping**
CDC-10110

Synonym(s)	<i>Salmonella</i> Typing
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval is not required for human specimens; Please call for approval prior to sending, other specimen types. Provide any preliminary results available.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines
Methodology	Phenotypic identification, Phenotypic serotyping, Genetic identification, Genetic serotyping
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities or due to limited availability of resources.
CDC Points of Contact	Susan Van Duyne (404) 639-0186 Mdv9@cdc.gov Patricia Fields (404) 639-1748 pif1@cdc.gov

Test Order
Salmonella serovar Typhi (only) serology
 CDC-10453

Synonym(s)	Enteric Pathogen
Pre-Approval Needed	Aubert, Rachael, (404) 639-3816, vrl7@cdc.gov Korth, Michael, (404) 639-2099, mqk8@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Date of illness onset, date of serum collection, clinical diagnosis. Indicate if patient is currently on antibiotics. Indicate if patient is suspect chronic carrier.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum, paired serum preferred. Do not pool specimens.
Minimum Volume Required	200 uL (More preferred)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Maintain serum at 4°C (preferred); frozen specimens acceptable
Transport Medium	Separate serum from the clot and ship in a sterile labeled tube with the top tightly closed
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please notify Rachael Aubert (vrl7@cdc.gov, (404) 639-3816) once specimens have been shipped to provide the tracking number. Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines
Methodology	Various methods utilized; Consultation required
Turnaround Time	3 Months
Interferences & Limitations	Plasma is not acceptable for typhoid testing
Additional Information	Paired serum specimens always preferred. Please send one tube per specimen submission form. Submit multiple forms if needed.
CDC Points of Contact	Rachael Aubert (404) 639-3816 vrl7@cdc.gov Michael Korth (404) 639-2099 mqk8@cdc.gov

Test Order
Salmonella Study
CDC-10109

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Van Duyne, Susan, (404) 639-0186, mdv9@cdc.gov
Fields, Patricia, (404) 639-1748, pif1@cdc.gov

**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Susan Van Duyne
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Test Order
Salmonella Subtyping
 CDC-10108

Synonym(s) *Salmonella* Typing

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is not required for human specimen, but is required for all other types of specimen.

Indicate subtyping method(s) requested; provide PulseNet cluster code and PFGE pattern numbers if appropriate.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.

Specimen Labeling Not Applicable

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines

Methodology Serotyping, PFGE, MLVA, AST

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Specify type of subtyping requested in 'Previous Laboratory Results' on back of form. Epidemiologic metadata, PulseNet cluster code, and PFGE pattern designation requested if available.

Turn around time depends on the nature of subtyping performed; and, results are typically not reported directly back to the submitter, but deposited in surveillance databases. If the surveillance database is not accessible to submitters, results are posted on the PulseNet and OutbreakNet discussion board. Specific turn around time and a report are available upon request.

CDC Points of Contact Susan Van Duyne
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Test Order

SARS Molecular Detection

CDC-10412

Synonym(s)	SARS coronavirus
Pre-Approval Needed	Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Nasopharyngeal wash/aspirates, nasopharyngeal swabs, oropharyngeal swabs, bronchoalveolar lavage, tracheal aspirate, pleural fluid tap, sputum, and post-mortem tissue. For more information go to http://www.cdc.gov/sars/guidance/F-lab/app4.html
Minimum Volume Required	0.25 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Refrigerate or freeze tubes after specimens are placed in them. If specimens will be examined within 48 hours after collection, they can be refrigerated. If specimens must be held longer than 48 hours, freeze them as soon as possible after collection. Although storage in an ultra-low freezer (-70°C) is preferable, storage in a home-type freezer (if properly set at -20°C) is acceptable for short periods. For more information go to http://www.cdc.gov/sars/guidance/F-lab/app4.html
Transport Medium	Swabs may be shipped in commercial viral transport media
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries http://www.cdc.gov/sars/lab/specimen.html
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Sequencing
Turnaround Time	3 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Use only sterile Dacron or rayon swabs with plastic shafts or if available, flocked swabs. Do NOT use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden sticks, as they may contain substances that inactivate some viruses and inhibit some molecular assays.
Additional Information	http://www.cdc.gov/sars/about/index.html http://www.cdc.gov/sars/guidance/F-lab/app5.html
CDC Points of Contact	Dean Erdman (404) 639-3727 dde1@cdc.gov Shifaq Kamili (404) 639-2799 sgk5@cdc.gov

Test Order

SARS Serology

CDC-10413

Synonym(s) SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV EIA, SARS-CoV ELISA, SARS ELISA, SARS EIA

Pre-Approval Needed Haynes, Lia, (404) 639-4004, loh5@cdc.gov
Erdman, Dean, (404) 639-3727, dde1@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum (acute and convalescent) and plasma
For more information go to <http://www.cdc.gov/sars/guidance/F-lab/app4.html>

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Collect whole blood in a serum separator tube. Allow the blood to clot, centrifuge briefly, and collect all the resulting sera in vials with external caps and internal O-ring seals. If there is no O-ring seal, then seal tightly with the available cap and secure with Parafilm. Collect whole blood in either EDTA tubes or in a clotting tube. For plasma, collect blood in EDTA tubes and place in vials with external caps and internal O-ring seals. Store plasma and serum at 4°C. Serum may be frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice

<http://www.cdc.gov/sars/lab/specimen.html>

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 3 Days

Interferences & Limitations Do not collect in heparin tubes

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Lia Haynes
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Test Order
Schistosomiasis Serology
CDC-10466

Synonym(s)	<i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> , <i>Schistosoma haematobium</i> , <i>Schistosoma japonicum</i> , Bilharzia, parasite
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Travel history REQUIRED, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum and Plasma
Minimum Volume Required	0.5 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No specific requirements
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	FAST-ELISA, Immunoblot, Western Blot, MAMA, HAMA, JAMA, Antibody Detection
Turnaround Time	21 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Isabel McAuliffe (404) 718-4100 ibm4@cdc.gov DPDx (404) 718-4120 dpdx@cdc.gov

Test Order
Seoul Virus Serology
CDC-10414

Synonym(s) Hanta, HFRS, HPS

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order

Shiga Toxin-producing *E. coli* Isolation from Enrichment Broth CDC-10105

Synonym(s) STEC, *E. coli* O157

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Only Stx+ broths that produce growth on subculture should be submitted. Consult with EDLB contact before sending other specimens. Provide any preliminary results available.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Submit only broths that are positive for Shiga toxins (Stx1/Stx2) or the genes encoding these toxins and produce growth on subculture. Consult with Dr. Nancy Strockbine before sending other specimen types or fecal specimens in enrichment broth that are Stx+/stx+ but no growth of STEC on subculture.

Minimum Volume Required 5 mL (broth)

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Maintain specimen at 4°C

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines. Shiga toxin–positive broths should be shipped as Category A Infectious Substances.

Methodology Isolation, Phenotypic Identification Including Serotyping, PCR Testing for Virulence Markers

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information A final report for CDC-10105 will be issued for broths that are not confirmed as positive by PCR for STEC or from broths that are confirmed as positive by PCR but from which an STEC isolate can not be obtained. Broths from which an STEC is isolated will be reflexively assigned test CDC-10114 *Escherichia* and *Shigella* identification, serotyping, and virulence profiling, and a final report will be issued when results for CDC-10114 are complete. Consult with Dr. Nancy Strockbine if a preliminary report for CDC-10105 is needed.

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Test Order
Special Bacterial Pathogen Study
CDC-10147

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed McQuiston, John, (404) 639-0270, zje8@cdc.gov
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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact John McQuiston
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Test Order
Staphylococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome Toxin (TSST-1)
CDC-10426

Synonym(s)	Staph Toxin, Toxic Shock Syndrome
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate on suitable agar medium
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Isolate should be stored at room temperature
Transport Medium	Pure culture isolate on suitable agar medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries at room temperature as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	16S sequencing, MALDI-TOF, Phenotypic Testing, SEA – SHE, PVL
Turnaround Time	28 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	SEA-SHE and PVL testing performed only with prior approval
CDC Points of Contact	David Lonsway (404) 639-2825 Dlonsway@cdc.gov Kamile Rasheed (404) 639-3247 jkr1@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Staphylococcus – Micrococcus* Identification**
CDC-10226

Synonym(s)	Staph, <i>Micrococcus</i> , Kocuria Identification
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate on suitable agar medium
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Isolate should be stored at room temperature
Transport Medium	Pure culture isolate on suitable agar medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday –Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries at room temperature as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	16S Sequencing, MALDI-TOF, Phenotypic Testing
Turnaround Time	28 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	David Lonsway (404) 639-2825 Dlonsway@cdc.gov Valerie Albrecht (404) 639-4552 gpy8@cdc.gov

Test Order

Staphylococcus and MRSA Outbreak Strain Typing

CDC-10230

Synonym(s)	Staph Typing, MRSA Typing, Staphylococcal Typing
Pre-Approval Needed	Rasheed, Kamile, (404) 639-3247, JRasheed@cdc.gov Albrecht, Valerie, (404) 639-4552, gpy8@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval and Epidemiologic consultation required
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate on suitable agar medium. Additional specimen types upon consultation with laboratory.
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Isolate should be stored at room temperature
Transport Medium	Pure culture isolate on suitable agar medium or frozen in TSB plus glycerol
Specimen Labeling	Include date of isolation and unique specimen identifier
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries at room temperature as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	16S Sequencing, MALDI-TOF, Phenotypic Testing, Molecular Strain Typing
Turnaround Time	28 Days
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Not CLIA compliant testing; for epidemiologic purposes only
CDC Points of Contact	Kamile Rasheed (404) 639-3247 JRasheed@cdc.gov Valerie Albrecht (404) 639-4552 gpy8@cdc.gov

Test Order

Staphylococcus aureus Detection – Foodborne Outbreak

CDC-10113

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Luquez, Carolina, (404) 639-0896, fry6@cdc.gov Gomez, Gerry, (404) 639-0537, goe4@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Only specimens from foodborne outbreaks accepted. Consult with EDLB contact before sending specimens. Provide any preliminary results if available.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates, vomitus, stool, food. Only specimens from foodborne outbreaks accepted. Consult with Carolina Luquez and Gerry Gomez before sending specimens.
Minimum Volume Required	25 g (food), 10 g (vomitus, stool)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Maintain food, vomitus and stool at 4°C
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please notify Carolina Luquez (fry6@cdc.gov) and Gerry Gomez (goe4@cdc.gov) once specimens have been shipped to provide the tracking number. Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines
Methodology	Toxin Detection in Food, Culture, PCR
Turnaround Time	2 Months
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Direct toxin detection requires food samples
CDC Points of Contact	Carolina Luquez (404) 639-0896 fyr6@cdc.gov Gerry Gomez (404) 639-0537 goe4@cdc.gov

Test Order
STD Bacterial Molecular Diagnostic Evaluation
CDC-10178

Synonym(s) Sexually Transmitted Disease

Pre-Approval Needed Trees, David, (404) 639-2134, dlt1@cdc.gov
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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen
Type for Testing Gonococcal bacterial culture

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of
Specimen Prior to Shipping Store culture at -70°C in TSA with 20% glycerol medium

Transport Medium TSA with 20% glycerol

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which
Include Specimen Handling
Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Molecular cloning, PCR, Whole genome sequencing

Turnaround Time 12 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Please provide information on any antibiotics the patient may have been treated with

CDC Points of Contact David Trees
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Test Order

STD International QA – *N. gonorrhoeae*, *C. trachomatis*, *M. genitalium*, *T. vaginalis*

CDC-10175

Synonym(s) Sexually Transmitted Disease

Pre-Approval Needed Cheng, Cheng, (404) 639-3154, cyc1@cdc.gov
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Supplemental Information Required Determined upon consultation

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Urine, oral pharynx swabs, cervical swabs, vaginal swabs, and rectal swabs collected on any commercially available product, and other specimen types upon consultation with laboratory

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Swabs must be kept frozen

Transport Medium Should be transported on commercial Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) medium

Specimen Labeling Please include country of origin, de-linked identifier and date of collection

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology PCR

Turnaround Time 12 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Cheng Chen
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Test Order

Strep ABCs Surveillance Study

CDC-10218

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	McGee, Lesley, (404) 639-0455, afi4@cdc.gov Beall, Bernard, (404) 639-1237, bbeall@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/abcs/downloads/ABCs-case-rpt-form.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Sterile site Isolates of GAS, GBS and <i>S.pneumoniae</i> that meet the ABCs inclusion criteria
Minimum Volume Required	Not applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	For isolates, store on blood or chocolate agar, in transport media or as a frozen glycerol stock; additional details and directions will be provided upon consultation.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Phenotypic Testing, Molecular Testing
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Based on consultation
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Lesley McGee (404) 639-0455 afi4@cdc.gov Bernard Beall (404) 639-1237 bbeall@cdc.gov

Test Order
***Streptococcus* (Beta Hemolytic Strep) Typing**
CDC-10216

Synonym(s) GAS typing, GBS typing, other beta hemolytic strep, Group A Strep, Group B Strep

Pre-Approval Needed Beall, Bernard, (404) 639-1237, bbeall@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/streplab/other-streptococci-ga.html>

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates and clinical/environmental specimens and others as approved upon consultation

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping For isolates, store on blood or chocolate agar, in transport media or as a frozen glycerol stock; additional details and directions will be provided upon consultation.

Transport Medium Dependent on specimen type to be determined upon consultation

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Phenotypic Testing, Molecular Testing

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Based on consultation

Additional Information Please complete questionnaire on website

CDC Points of Contact Bernard Beall
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Test Order
***Streptococcus* (Catalase negative, Gram Positive Coccus)**
Identification
CDC-10213

Synonym(s)	Streptococci, enterococci, viridans streptococci
Pre-Approval Needed	Beall, Bernard, (404) 639-1237, bbeall@cdc.gov Shewmaker, Patricia, (404) 639-4826, paw3@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/streplab/other-streptococci-qa.html
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates and clinical/environmental specimens and others as approved upon consultation
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	For isolates, store on blood or chocolate agar, in transport media or as a frozen glycerol stock; additional details and directions will be provided upon consultation.
Transport Medium	Dependent on specimen type to be determined upon consultation
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs
Methodology	Phenotypic Testing, Molecular Testing
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Based on consultation
Additional Information	Please complete questionnaire on website
CDC Points of Contact	Bernard Beall (404) 639-1237 bbeall@cdc.gov Patricia Shewmaker (404) 639-4826 paw3@cdc.gov

Test Order
Streptococcus (Catalase negative, Gram Positive Coccus)
Identification and AST
CDC-10214

Synonym(s)	Streptococci, enterococci, viridans streptococci	
Pre-Approval Needed	Beall, Bernard, (404) 639-1237, BBEALL@cdc.gov Shewmaker, Patricia, (404) 639-4826, paw3@cdc.gov	
Supplemental Information Required	None	
Supplemental Form	None	
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Pure culture isolate on a suitable agar slant medium; Prior consultation required for other sample/specimen types	
Minimum Volume Required	Not applicable	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Keep refrigerated if cannot ship immediately	
Transport Medium	Suitable agar slant medium (example: blood or chocolate); Frozen glycerol stock is also acceptable.	
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs At room temperature for any etiologic agents	
Methodology	Phenotypic Testing, Molecular Testing, Broth microdilution MIC	
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks	
Interferences & Limitations	None	
Additional Information	Preliminary susceptibility results may be available within 28 days or less. If susceptibility has been performed, indicate the method and results. Date of specimen collection and original submitter.	
CDC Points of Contact	Bernard Beall (404) 639-1237 BBEALL@cdc.gov Patricia Shewmaker (404) 639-2825 paw3@cdc.gov	David Lonsway (404) 639- 2825 dul7@cdc.gov

Test Order
Streptococcus pneumoniae Typing
CDC-10215

Synonym(s) Pneumococcus Serotyping

Pre-Approval Needed Beall, Bernard, (404) 639-1237, bbeall@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required Online form required for pre-approval: <http://www.cdc.gov/streplab/s-pneumoniae-ga.html>
If you have questions, contact Bernard Beall, bbeall@cdc.gov, 404-639-1237

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates and clinical/environmental specimens and others as approved upon consultation

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping For isolates, store on blood or chocolate agar, in transport media or as a frozen glycerol stock; additional details and directions will be provided upon consultation.

Transport Medium Dependent on specimen type to be determined upon consultation

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday -Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries
Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs

Methodology Phenotypic Testing, Molecular Testing

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Based on consultation

Additional Information Please complete questionnaire on website

CDC Points of Contact Bernard Beall
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Test Order
Streptococcus Study
CDC-10217

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Beall, Bernard, (404) 639-1237, bbeall@cdc.gov
McGee, Lesley, (404) 639-0455, afi4@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates and clinical/environmental specimens and others as approved upon consultation

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping For isolates blood or chocolate agar; transport media or frozen glycerol stock; additional details and directions will be provided upon consultation.

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Note: surveillance studies may label specimens according to protocol

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology Phenotypic Testing, Molecular Testing

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Bernard Beall
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Test Order
Strongyloidiasis Serology
CDC-10467

Synonym(s) Strongyloidiasis, *Strongyloides stercoralis*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum or Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday – Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology EIA, ELISA, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Isabel McAuliffe
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ibm4@cdc.gov
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dpdx@cdc.gov

Test Order

Syphilis Serology

CDC-10173

Synonym(s)	Treponemal and non-treponemal	
Pre-Approval Needed	None	
Supplemental Information Required	Need to supply date of birth	
Supplemental Form	None	
Performed on Specimens From	Human	
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Serum (preferred), CSF, and/or plasma (possible to preform test but not preferred)	
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL (for serum or plasma)	
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Serum and Plasma can be stored at 4°C unless for more than 4-5 days it should be frozen. CSF should be stored frozen at -70°C.	
Transport Medium	None	
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.	
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice and refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs, as an etiologic agent.	
Methodology	RPR, TPPA, TrepSURE, CSF-VDRL	
Turnaround Time	2 Weeks	
Interferences & Limitations	Avoid freeze-thaw cycles as this can affect test results	
Additional Information	None	
CDC Points of Contact	Yetunde Fakile (404) 639-3784 yfakile@cdc.gov Andre Hopkins (404) 639-0731 Fvn4@cdc.gov	Yongcheng Sun (404) 639-2905 Yas2@cdc.gov

Test Order

Tick Borne Encephalitis (TBE) Identification

CDC-10415

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human and Animal
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Frozen tissue, blood and serum
Minimum Volume Required	1 mL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimen must be placed in plastic screw capped vials, frozen to -70°C, and kept frozen until shipment. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped frozen on dry ice. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.
Methodology	Molecular Typing, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
Turnaround Time	10 Days
Interferences & Limitations	Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity. Heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should be avoided.
Additional Information	Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.
CDC Points of Contact	John Klena (404) 639-0114 irc4@cdc.gov Pierre Rollin (404) 639-1124 pyr3@cdc.gov

Test Order
Tick Borne Encephalitis (TBE) Serology
CDC-10416

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Klena, John, (404) 639-0114, irc4@cdc.gov
Rollin, Pierre, (404) 639-1124, pyr3@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form

Supplemental Form <http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/vspb/pdf/specimen-submission.pdf>

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing CSF, blood and serum

Minimum Volume Required 1 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimen must be kept cold (at or below 4°C). If possible place specimen in plastic screw capped vials. See link to supplemental submission form for specific information on various specimen types.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Patient name, patient ID #, specimen type, date collected

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Specimen should be shipped on cold packs or dry ice if frozen. See supplemental submission forms for further details. Do not ship specimen without prior consultation and approval.

Methodology ELISA

Turnaround Time 10 Days

Interferences & Limitations Specimen must remain frozen; warming or freeze thawing reduces sensitivity

Additional Information Critical specimens will take less than 4 days to turn around. See link to supplemental submission forms for detailed information.

CDC Points of Contact John Klena
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Test Order
Toxocariasis Serology
CDC-10468

Synonym(s) Larva migrans, Toxocariasis, *Toxocara canis*, *Toxocara cati*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors; clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From None

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, plasma, or vitreous fluid

Minimum Volume Required 0.5

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology EIA, ELISA, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Isabel McAuliffe
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DPDx
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dpdx@cdc.gov

Test Order
Toxoplasmosis Special Study
CDC-10492

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed Rivera, Hilda, (404) 718-4100, igi2@cdc.gov
DPDx, , (404) 718-4120, dpdx@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From None

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

CDC Points of Contact Hilda Rivera
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Test Order
Treponema pallidum Molecular Detection
CDC-10176

Synonym(s) Syphilis

Pre-Approval Needed Pillay, Allan, (404) 639-2140, apillay@cdc.gov
Chi, Kai, (404) 639-0694, krc2@cdc.gov

Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Swab of an ulcer or skin lesion, blood collected in an EDTA tube, body fluids, frozen tissue and/or Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded (FFPE) tissue

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Specimens should be frozen unless FFPE tissue which can be stored at room temperature

Transport Medium Should be transported on commercial Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) medium

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice, refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs and FFPE can be shipped at room temperature, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology PCR

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Allan Pillay
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Test Order
***Treponema pallidum* Molecular Typing**
CDC-10177

Synonym(s)	<i>Treponema pallidum</i> Genotyping, <i>Treponema pallidum</i> Strain Typing, Syphilis Typing
Pre-Approval Needed	Pillay, Allan, (404) 639-2140, apillay@cdc.gov Chen, Cheng, (404) 639-3154, cyc1@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	None
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Swab of an ulcer or skin lesion, blood collected in an EDTA tube, body fluids, frozen tissue and/or Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded (FFPE) tissue
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Specimens should be frozen except for FFPE tissue, which can be stored at room temperature
Transport Medium	Should be transported on commercial Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) medium
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations require two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition. Also, include date collected.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice, refrigerated specimen should be shipped on cold packs and FFPE can be shipped at room temperature, as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	PCR, Sequencing, RFLP
Turnaround Time	4 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Allan Pillay (404) 639-2140 apillay@cdc.gov Cheng Chen (404) 639-3154 cyc1@cdc.gov

Test Order
Trichinellosis Serology
CDC-10470

Synonym(s) Trichinosis, *Trichinella spiralis*, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Exposure and travel history, include other relevant risk factors (consumption of raw or undercooked pork or game meat); clinical symptoms, treatment and relevant lab results.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum or Plasma

Minimum Volume Required 0.5 mL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No specific requirements

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday - Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Ship specimen at room temperature, not on dry ice, as an etiologic agent.

Methodology EIA, ELISA, Antibody Detection

Turnaround Time 18 Days

Interferences & Limitations Substances known to interfere with immunoassays include: bilirubin, lipids, and hemoglobin

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Isabel McAuliffe
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ibm4@cdc.gov
DPDx
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dpdx@cdc.gov

Test Order
Trichomonas Susceptibility
CDC-10239

Synonym(s) *Trichomonas*, trich, parasite

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please fill out the supplemental form provided in the specimen collection kit. Please call 404-718-4141 or 404-718-4142 to request a kit with media and forms. Alternatively, send mailing address and phone number to was4@cdc.gov to request a kit.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Must be a live culture. Use vaginal swab to inoculate media.

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Do not freeze specimen. If the specimen cannot be sent within 24-48 hours of collection, it is better to wait to collect the specimen.

Transport Medium InPouch TV (Commercial product) or Diamond's TYM
Please call 404-718-4141 or 404-718-4142 to request a kit with media and forms. Alternatively, send mailing address and phone number to was4@cdc.gov to request a kit.

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements The isolate should be sent to CDC by overnight courier (not USPS) on the same day it is obtained from the patient.

Insure the InPouch is properly closed and place it in the mailing container that they arrived in and send by OVERNIGHT delivery service (recommended: Federal Express) to:

Pete Augostini
CDC/Parasitic Disease Branch
1600 Clifton Rd. NE, MS D65
Bldg. 23, 10th Floor, Rm. 108
Atlanta, GA 30329-4081
678-860-6128

NOTE:

- a) Delivery to the reference laboratory within 24 hours is essential to ensure organism survival.
 - B) The laboratory can only accept sample delivery Monday through Friday. Please plan to ship your samples Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in order for the laboratory to receive the overnight delivery the next day.
 - C) While we provide the testing as a no-cost service, we do not have the funds to pay for shipment of the organism. Therefore, please do not mark "recipient" as the party responsible for payment of shipment costs. If this occurs, we will refer the shipping company back to you for payment of costs.
- Please include the metronidazole treatment history and request forms with your sample.
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Methodology Antimicrobial susceptibility

Turnaround Time 7 Weeks

Test Order
Trichomonas Susceptibility
CDC-10239

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Evan Secor
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Test Order
Trypanosoma cruzi Molecular Detection
CDC-10493

Synonym(s) Chagas, American Trypanosomiasis, parasite, triatomine, kissing bug

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please include detailed information where the insect was found (kitchen, bed, porch, etc.).

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Triatomine insect

Minimum Volume Required N/A

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Dry or in 70% ethanol

Transport Medium None or in 70% ethanol

Specimen Labeling One submitter identifier or SPHL ID on the specimen container and date of collection.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Place insect in a crush-proof container with paper towel cushioning for dry specimens or in 70% ethanol with no cushioning. Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with local and Federal guidelines. Send by regular mail or overnight Monday–Thursday to avoid weekend deliveries.

Methodology Conventional PCR

Turnaround Time 3 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Gena Lawrence
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Test Order
Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Avidity
CDC-10256

Synonym(s) Chicken pox, shingles

Pre-Approval Needed Schmid, Scott, (404) 639-0066, dss1@cdc.gov
Radford, Kay, (404) 639-2192, (404) 639-2192

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form.
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Supplemental Form http://www.cdc.gov/shingles/downloads/specimen_collection_form.pdf

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum or plasma

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday - Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology IgG avidity

Turnaround Time 1 Week

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Scott Schmid
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Kay Radford
(404) 639-2192
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Test Order
Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Genotyping (Clade Type)
CDC-10257

Synonym(s)	Chicken pox, shingles
Pre-Approval Needed	Schmid, Scott, (404) 639-0066, dss1@cdc.gov Folster, Jennifer, (404) 639-3668, apz5@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form. Please Note: Persons with disabilities experiencing problems accessing this document should contact CDC-INFO by either completing the form at http://www.cdc.gov/cdc-info/requestform.html and use subject "508 Accommodation PR#31", or by calling 800-232-4636 (TTY number: 888-232-6348) and ask for 508 Accommodation PR#31.
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/shingles/downloads/specimen_collection_form.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Skin lesions, scab, saliva, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), urine, and whole blood
Minimum Volume Required	200 uL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Frozen or refrigerated for saliva, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), urine or whole blood. Room temperature, dry skin lesions and scabs. Blood should be collected in EDTA or citrate tubes.
Transport Medium	Not Applicable
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship specimen Monday-Thursday, overnight. Cold packs or dry ice for liquid specimen. Ambient temperature for scabs and lesions. Ship as an etiologic agent.
Methodology	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), DNA sequencing
Turnaround Time	1 Week
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Scott Schmid (404) 639-0066 dss1@cdc.gov Jennifer Folster (404) 639-3668 apz5@cdc.gov

Test Order

Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Intrathecal Antibody Detection

CDC-10496

Synonym(s)	None
Pre-Approval Needed	Schmid, Scott, (404) 639-0066, SSchmid@cdc.gov Folster, Jennifer, (404) 639-3668, JFolster@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	See Supplemental Form
Supplemental Form	http://www.cdc.gov/shingles/downloads/specimen_collection_form.pdf
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Paired serum sample and cerebrospinal fluid (both samples required)
Minimum Volume Required	200 uL
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Can be stored at 4 degrees C for several days; frozen at -20 degrees C if samples will be held longer.
Transport Medium	No transport medium.
Specimen Labeling	Clearly identify the samples as either serum or CSF and an associated patient ID number
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	If stored at 4 degrees C can be overnighted on cold packs in well-sealed O-ring vials; if frozen can be overnighted on dry ice in well-sealed O-ring vials
Methodology	gpELISA
Turnaround Time	7 Days
Interferences & Limitations	At least one of the specificity controls must be both positive in serum and negative in CSF; if all three specificity controls are negative in both serum and CSF, interpretation is not possible (If specimen volume allows, additional specificity controls could be attempted, e.g., for anti-CMV antibody).
Additional Information	gpELISA VZV antibody detection method used to determine presence of specific antibody in both CSF and serum. HSV-1, HSV-2 and HHV-6 antibody measurements are performed as specificity controls on both samples. A ratio of 1:10 CSF to serum VZV Ab is regarded as positive if and only if at least one of the specificity controls is both Ab positive in serum and negative in CSF. This protocol is not operated currently under the CLIA certificate, as it is still in the process of being evaluated and validated; it is for research purposes only.
CDC Points of Contact	Scott Schmid (404) 639-0066 SSchmid@cdc.gov Jennifer Folster (404) 639-3668 JFolster@cdc.gov

Test Order
Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Serology
CDC-10255

Synonym(s) Chicken pox, shingles

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form.
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Supplemental Form http://www.cdc.gov/shingles/downloads/specimen_collection_form.pdf

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum, plasma or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Keep specimen either refrigerated or frozen

Transport Medium None

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship overnight Monday - Thursday, with cold packs or dry ice as an etiologic agent.

Methodology IgG antibody detected by EIA, IgM antibody detected by EIA

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Scott Schmid
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dss1@cdc.gov
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Test Order

Varicella Zoster Virus Detection (Wild-type vs. Vaccine)

CDC-10254

Synonym(s) Chicken pox, shingles

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required See Supplemental Form.
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Supplemental Form http://www.cdc.gov/shingles/downloads/specimen_collection_form.pdf

Performed on Specimens From Human

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Skin lesions, scab, saliva, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), urine, and whole blood

Minimum Volume Required 200 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Frozen or refrigerated for saliva, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), urine or whole blood. Room temperature, dry skin lesions and scabs. Blood should be collected in EDTA or citrate tubes.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship specimen Monday–Thursday, overnight. Cold packs or dry ice for liquid specimen. Ambient temperature for scabs and lesions. Ship as an etiologic agent.

Methodology Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Turnaround Time 7 Days

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information None

CDC Points of Contact Scott Schmid
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Test Order

Vibrio cholerae ID, Serotyping, and Virulence Profiling

CDC-10119

Synonym(s)	Cholera
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Prior approval is not required for human specimens; Please call for approval prior to sending, other specimen types. Provide any preliminary results available.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Isolates
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	No Specific Requirements
Transport Medium	Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries Every suspect <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> isolate should be sent to EDLB as soon as possible. Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines.
Methodology	Phenotypic Characterization (Serogrouping for O1, O139, O75, and O141), PCR for Virulence Markers (Toxin and tcpA biotype)
Turnaround Time	8 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Every suspect <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> isolate should be sent to EDLB as soon as possible
CDC Points of Contact	Cheryl Tarr (404) 639-2011 crt6@cdc.gov Monica Santovenia (404) 718-1446 ixi9@cdc.gov

Test Order
Vibrio cholerae serology
CDC-10454

Synonym(s)	Enteric Pathogen
Pre-Approval Needed	Aubert, Rachael, (404) 639-3816, vrl7@cdc.gov Korth, Michael, (404) 639-2099, mqk8@cdc.gov
Supplemental Information Required	Date of illness onset, date of serum collection, clinical diagnosis. Indicate if patient is currently on antibiotics.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Paired serum is preferred. Serum is always preferred but plasma is acceptable. Do not pool specimens.
Minimum Volume Required	100 uL (more preferred)
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Maintain serum at 4°C (preferred); frozen specimens acceptable
Transport Medium	Separate serum from the clot and ship in a sterile labeled tube with the top tightly closed.
Specimen Labeling	Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday-Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. Please notify Rachael Aubert (vrl7@cdc.gov, (404) 639-3816) once specimens have been shipped to provide the tracking number. Ship with cold packs in compliance with federal and local guidelines
Methodology	Various methods utilized; Consultation required
Turnaround Time	3 Months
Interferences & Limitations	None
Additional Information	Paired serum specimens always preferred. Please send one tube per specimen submission form. Submit multiple forms if needed.
CDC Points of Contact	Rachael Aubert (404) 639-3816 vrl7@cdc.gov Michael Korth (404) 639-2099 mqk8@cdc.gov

Test Order
Vibrio Subtyping
CDC-10122

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is not required for human specimens, but is required for all other specimen types.

Specify type of subtyping requested in 'Previous Laboratory Results' on back of form.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.

Specimen Labeling Not Applicable

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines

Methodology PFGE, MLST, MLVA, AST

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Turn around time depends on the nature of subtyping performed; and, results are typically not reported directly back to the submitter, but deposited in surveillance databases. If the surveillance database is not accessible to submitters, results are posted on the PulseNet and OutbreakNet discussion board.

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Test Order

Vibrio, Aeromonas, and Related Organisms Identification

CDC-10120

Synonym(s) *Grimontia* species, *Photobacterium* species, *Salinivibrio* species

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is not required for human specimens, but is required for all other specimen types.

Provide any preliminary results that are available.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines

Methodology Phenotypic Identification, Genetic Identification

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities or due to limited availability of resources.

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Test Order
Vibrio, Aeromonas, and Related Organisms Study
 CDC-10121

Synonym(s) None

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Supplemental Information Required None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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Test Order
Yersinia (non-*Y. pestis*) & other *Enterobacteriaceae* subtyping
 CDC-10124

Synonym(s) None

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is not required for human specimens, but is required for all other specimen types.

Indicate subtyping method(s) requested on specimen submission form

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.

Specimen Labeling Not Applicable

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines

Methodology Serotyping, PFGE, MLST

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Specify type of subtyping requested in 'Previous Laboratory Results' on back of form.

Turn around time depends on the nature of subtyping performed; and, results are typically not reported directly back to the submitter, but deposited in surveillance databases. If the surveillance database is not accessible to submitters, results are posted on the PulseNet and OutbreakNet discussion board.

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Test Order
Yersinia (non-*Y. pestis*) and Other *Enterobacteriaceae*
 Identification
 CDC-10123

Synonym(s) *Arsenophonus, Biostraticola, Brenneria, Buchnera, Budvicia, Buttiauxella, Calymmatobacterium, Cedecea, Citrobacter, Cosenzaea, Cronobacter, Dickeya, Edwardsiella, Enterobacter, Erwinia, Ewingella, Gibbsiella, Hafnia, Klebsiella, Kluyvera, Leclercia, Leminorella, Levinea, Lonsdalea, Mangrovibacter, Moellerella, Morganella, Obesumbacterium, Pantoea, Pectobacterium, Phaseolibacter, Photorhabdus, Plesiomonas, Pragia, Proteus, Providencia, Rahnella, Raoultella, Saccharobacter, Samsonia, Serratia, Shimwellia, Sodalis, Tatumella, Thorsellia, Trabulsiella, Wigglesworthia, Xenorhabdus, Yersinia, Yokenella*

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Prior approval is not required for human specimens, but is required for all other specimen types.

Provide any preliminary results that are available.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Isolates

Minimum Volume Required Not Applicable

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping No Specific Requirements

Transport Medium Ship cultures on nonselective nutrient or similar agar (TSA, HIA, etc.) in tubes with leak-proof screw cap closures. Agar plates are not acceptable.

Specimen Labeling Test subject to CLIA regulations and requires two patient identifiers on the specimen container and the test requisition.

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries

Ship at ambient temperature in compliance with Federal and local guidelines

Methodology Phenotypic Identification, Genetic Identification

Turnaround Time 8 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations None

Additional Information Turnaround times for routine isolates may be extended during major foodborne outbreak activities or due to limited availability of resources.

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Test Order
***Yersinia pestis* Culture and Identification**
CDC-10418

Synonym(s)	Plague
Pre-Approval Needed	None
Supplemental Information Required	Please include submitting agency, contact name, address, phone number, specimen identifier, patient name, specimen source and type, sex and date of birth, symptoms of onset, sample collection date, and clinical information including type and date of treatment patient has received.
Supplemental Form	None
Performed on Specimens From	Human, Animal, and Food/Environmental/Medical Devices/Biologics
Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing	Human: lymph node aspirate, sputum, bronchial/tracheal wash, pleural fluid, blood, ulcer swab, biopsy/autopsy specimens (sections of lymph node, lung, liver, spleen); Animal: necropsy specimen (lymph node, lung, liver or spleen); Environmental: fleas
Minimum Volume Required	Not Applicable
Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping	Store specimens containing suspected live bacteria at 2°–8°C to maintain viability. If processing is delayed, tissue samples can be directly frozen at –70°C. Store samples for culture of live bacteria without preservatives (formaldehyde, alcohol), at 2°–8°C (not frozen). Anticoagulants such as heparin, citrate and EDTA are acceptable because they do not inhibit the viability of bacteria.
Transport Medium	Respiratory specimens, lymph node aspirates, blood, tissue/biopsy/autopsy/necropsy specimens should all be transported at 4°C. Swabs must be in a Cary–Blair or Amies medium, not frozen. If tissue biopsy/autopsy/necropsy transport is delayed, tissue samples can be directly frozen at –70°C.
Specimen Labeling	Specimen identifier and patient name
Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements	Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. All packages must be addressed to: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Bacterial Diseases Branch Attn: John Young 3156 Rampart Road Fort Collins, CO 80521 Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs
Methodology	Culture, Direct Fluorescent Antibody (DFA), Bacteriophage Lysis
Turnaround Time	3 Weeks
Interferences & Limitations	Samples for testing by culture should be taken prior to antibiotic treatment
Additional Information	None
CDC Points of Contact	Marty Schriefer (970) 221–6479 mms7@cdc.gov Jeannine Petersen (970) 266–3524 nzp0@cdc.gov

Test Order
Yersinia pestis Serology
CDC-10419

Synonym(s) Plague

Pre-Approval Needed None

Supplemental Information Required Please include submitting agency, contact name, address, phone number, specimen identifier, patient name, specimen source and type, sex and date of birth, symptoms of onset, sample collection date, and clinical information including type and date of treatment patient has received.

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing Serum

Minimum Volume Required 500 uL

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping Sera may be stored at 2°-8°C for up to 14 days. If testing is delayed for a longer period, serum samples may be frozen.

Transport Medium Not Applicable

Specimen Labeling Specimen identifier and patient name

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements Ship Monday–Thursday, overnight to avoid weekend deliveries. All packages must be addressed to:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Bacterial Diseases Branch
Attn: John Young
3156 Rampart Road
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Frozen specimen should be shipped on dry ice
Refrigerated specimen should be shipped on ice packs

Methodology Passive Hemagglutination, Passive Hemagglutination Inhibition

Turnaround Time 2 Weeks

Interferences & Limitations Hemolyzed samples may interfere with test results

Additional Information None

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Test Order
Yersinia pestis Special Study
CDC-10420

Synonym(s) None

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**Supplemental Information
Required** None

Supplemental Form None

Performed on Specimens From Human and Animal

Acceptable Sample/ Specimen Type for Testing To be determined

Minimum Volume Required To be determined

Storage & Preservation of Specimen Prior to Shipping To be determined

Transport Medium To be determined

Specimen Labeling To be determined

Shipping Instructions which Include Specimen Handling Requirements To be determined

Methodology

Turnaround Time

Interferences & Limitations To be determined

Additional Information To be determined

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