

SAMPLE SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Recommended Sample

For the full complement of viral screening assays and NAT testing we recommend:

- 3 – 6ml EDTA tubes (13x100 plastic) and
- 1 – 6ml Serum tubes (13x100 plastic)

These recommendations ensure enough volume for repeat and confirmatory testing. **Serum separator tubes are unacceptable.** There is no need to centrifuge the samples.

For urine collections for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing: 2.0 ml of urine in the transport tube that **MUST** be between the black fill lines on the transport tube.

Sample Labeling Requirements

- The patient name/identifier on the tubes **must match** the name/identifier listed on the request slip (this includes spelling, nicknames, etc.).
- All tubes sent on the same patient must be **labeled identically** with the same name/identifier.
- A **draw date must be noted** on the request slip. Some of the tests are time sensitive.
- If the sample is poured off into a transport tube, **indicate if it is a serum or plasma** sample. Some of the tests have different acceptability requirements for serum/plasma.

If the sample requirements are not met, we may be unable to complete testing.

Sample Shipping Requirements

- The boxes you have been supplied with are compliant with IATA packing instruction 650 for shipping diagnostic specimens.
- The shipping boxes are comprised of 1 outer cardboard box, 1 inner cooler, 2 specimen transport jars and 4 gel packs.
- Include 4 gel packs at **room temperature** with each shipment.
- A **maximum of 9 blood tubes or conical tubes** can be shipped in one transport jar. Please put all tubes in the jars.
- When shipping the boxes, make sure you **include both specimen jars** even if there are no samples in the second jar.
- Once the box is packed apply a FedEx Label for shipment.
- The shipping boxes will be recycled at our facility.
- When you are down to a 2 weeks supply of boxes, fax a [Supply Reorder Form](#) to our facility at **651-332-1010** so that your inventory can be replenished.