

Virus - Enteric Kit

Instructions for the collection and transport of faecal specimens for virus culture, electron microscopy, PCR and direct antigen testing

1. **DO NOT USE EXPIRED KITS**
2. Collect specimen as early as possible following the onset of symptoms.
3. Label specimen container with patient's full name and date of collection of sample.
(Two identifiers are required on the patient sample, and these must also appear on the requisition sheet)
4. Aseptically remove cap from vial.
5. Faeces specimens that have been in contact with water in toilet are unacceptable.
 - a) Infants/Toddlers (not toilet trained) – Collect faeces sample from soiled diaper or directly from “potty”
 - b) Older Children/Adults – Instruct the patient to defecate into a clean container.
6. Using spoon, place approximately 1-2 grams of patient's faeces into the container.
7. Replace and tighten cap.
8. Place container in the biohazard bag and seal bag. Place the completed requisition in the outside pocket. Do not place the requisition inside the biohazard bag containing the specimen.
9. To maintain optimum viability, the specimen should be stored and transported at 2 - 8°C or on wet ice. Transport to the laboratory for processing within 48 hours of collection.

STORAGE - Store according to manufacturer's instructions located on the specimen collection container.

TO ORDER KITS or INFORMATION: Contact OAHPP order desk, Public Health Laboratory Toronto @ 416 235-5937 or order by fax @ 416 235-5753 or your local Public Health Laboratory.