

# Specimen Collection Guide - Introduction

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The Testing Guideline provides an overview of the laboratory testing available through the Ontario Public Health Laboratories (OPHL).

The guideline is listed in alphabetical order by disease, syndrome and/or causal agent.

Information includes:

- Laboratory tests available
- Laboratory test code
- Appropriate specimens
- Collection kit numbers
- Section / location where test is performed
- Turn-around-times for negative and for positive or confirmatory results
- Additional information as required

Please note that the turn-around-times are based on Monday to Friday business working days.

For further assistance, please use the OPHL HELPLINE at **1-800-640-7221** and your call will be appropriately directed.