

Virus Culture Kit (Tissue)

Instructions for the collection and transport for virus culture

Note: This kit is not appropriate for electron microscopy, PCR or direct antigen testing on stool samples

- Use Virus - Enteric Kit (sterile, dry container)

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 a second unique identifier (e.g. date of birth, Health Card Number, accession number) (Two identifiers are required on the patient sample, and these must match those on the requisition or the specimen will not be processed).
4. Aseptically remove cap from vial and insert sample into the transport media.
5. Replace and tighten cap.
5. 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.
6. Place specimen in the biohazard bag and seal bag.
7. 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.