



TB Testing Supplies & Instructions



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Kit Description: Kit used in testing for *Mycobacteria* species.

<p>Kits:</p>	<p>TB Specimen collection supplies:</p>	<p>Supplies needed to collect specimens from patients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (10) 50 mL conical collection tubes (10) absorbent paper capable of absorbing 10-15 mL of liquid (10) small biohazard specimen bags 	
<p>TB Mailers:</p>	<p>Supplies needed for each shipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Styrofoam box (1) refrigerant gel pack (1) large biohazard specimen bag (1) shipping manifest <p>(Note: 3 collection tubes will fit in 1 Styrofoam box.)</p>	<p>(Note: 3 collection tubes will fit in 1 Styrofoam box.)</p>	
<p>Collection Instructions:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect three early morning specimens over 3-5 days and submit each specimen on the day of collection. Sputum is obtained by deep coughing of material from the lungs. Saliva is not an acceptable specimen. • Collect 5-10 mL, a volume which equals about 1 inch in the bottom of the conical tube. • Tighten cap on the conical tube securely. • Mark the patient name, date of collection and specimen type/site on each collection tube. • Complete the test requisition form (REQ #270/271) including: patient name, DOB and gender; date and time of collection; specimen type; test(s) requested; contact name and phone; address and fax number for reporting results. • Do not batch specimens. Ship specimens to the laboratory within 1 day of collection maintaining specimens at 2-8°C during storage and transport. 		
<p>Packaging Instructions:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place the specimen tube in the small biohazard bag with one sheet of absorbent paper and seal the bag. • Place up to 3 small biohazard bags with collection tubes into the large biohazard bag and seal. Specimens should not be batched. Ship specimens to the laboratory within 1 day of collection. • Place the completed test requisition form(s) and the shipping manifest into the pocket of the large biohazard bag. • Place the packet of tubes in the Styrofoam mailer with a frozen gel pack inserted into the lid. • Tape the Styrofoam mailer closed. <p>Visual diagram of specimen packaging shown on next page.</p>		
<p>Shipping Instructions:</p>	<p>Schedule free courier service pick-up of specimens by contacting the Laboratory Service Division Courier Service Coordinator at 303-692-3086 during regular laboratory work hours.</p>		
<p>Additional Information:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For testing questions contact the public health microbiology work unit at 303-692-3480. • For additional information and to order collection kits, test requisition forms, etc. go to www.coloradostatelab.us and click on the "Order from the Lab" link. 		

4. Place specimen tube in small biohazard bag with one sheet of absorbent paper and seal the bag.

1. Place the completed test requisition form(s) and the shipping manifest in the pocket of the large biohazard bag



3. Place the packet of tubes into the Styrofoam mailer with a frozen gel pack inserted in the lid



4. Tape the Styrofoam mailer closed. Affix the UN3373 Biological Substance Category B label.

