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Rectal, pharyngeal and vaginal specimens now being accepted for *Chlamydia trachomatis* & *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* testing.

Following a successful verification study for the detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) in rectal, pharyngeal, and vaginal specimens using the Gen-Probe APTIMA COMBO 2 assay, the CDPHE lab is now accepting these specimens for testing, in addition to cervical, urethral, and urine specimens. All specimens should be collected using the appropriate collection kit (see below) which can be ordered online at www.coloradostatelab.us. Testing is performed daily at a cost of \$25.00 per specimen.

Specimen Type	Collection Kit	Comments
NEW Rectal or Pharyngeal	APTIMA <u>Unisex Swab</u> Kit	*Specimen collection procedures accompany this memo. To ensure that appropriate testing is performed please adhere to the following criteria when deciding whether to perform testing on rectal or pharyngeal specimens: 1. Men who have sex with men (MSM) 2. Heterosexuals with history of anal intercourse or oral sex not screened for cervical or urethral infection, with a high index of suspicion for infection.
NEW Vaginal	APTIMA <u>Vaginal Swab</u> Collection Kit	Collection procedures included with kit.
Endocervical or Urethral	APTIMA <u>Unisex Swab</u> Kit	Collection procedures included with kit.
Urine	APTIMA <u>Urine</u> Kit	Collection procedures included with kit.

Packaging & Shipping Information:

1. Specimens should be properly labeled and requisition form completed with the specimen type indicated.
2. Place labeled specimen in a small biohazard specimen bag containing absorbent packing material & seal.
3. Place the lab request form in the pocket sleeve of the biohazard bag.
4. Place transport tubes in mailing canisters for shipment to the lab.
5. Send via CDPHE courier service, or ship to:

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Specimen Rejection

Specimens with unresolved labeling issues, leaking containers, or with insufficient volume may be rejected. The provider will be notified and asked to resubmit.

Result Reporting

Negative results are mailed to the submitter. Positive results are faxed to the submitter and a copy is provided to the CDPHE STD Program.

Contact the Serology laboratory supervisor below if you have any questions about CT/GC testing.

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