

## SJH LABORATORY MICROBIOLOGY COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT GUIDE

<b>Assay</b>	<b>Transport Container</b>	<b>Storage Temperature</b>	<b>Time Restrictions</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Bordetella pertussis PCR	Swab with Stuarts or Amies with Charcoal	Ambient/Refrigerate	Up to 24 hours	Nasopharyngeal swab or aspirate
Chlamydia (PCR), vaginal/endocervical	Xpert CT/NG specimen collection kit	Ambient/Refrigerate	Up to 60 days	
Chlamydia (PCR), urine	Sterile container	Refrigerate	Up to 8 days	First catch urine
Clostridium difficile	Sterile container	Refrigerate Ambient	5 days 24 hours	
Culture, aerobic, Eye, ear, nose	Culturette, Stuarts or Amies	Ambient	Up to 24 hours	2 swabs recommended for Gram stain
Culture, anaerobic wound	Culturette, Anaerobic	Ambient	Up to 24 hours	
Culture, body fluid	Sterile container	Ambient	Up to 24 hours	Remove needle if collected with syringe
Culture, genital	Culturette, Stuart or Amies	Ambient	Up to 24 hours	Transport to lab ASAP if GC is suspected
Culture, sputum	Sterile container	Refrigerate	Up to 24 hours	
Culture, stool	C&S vial (orange cap) or sterile container	Ambient	Up to 3 days if in transport vial. 2 hours if not in preservative.	
Culture, throat	Culturette, Stuarts or Amies	Ambient	Up to 24 hours	
Culture, tissue	Sterile container	Ambient	ASAP	
Culture, urine	Sterile container	Refrigerate	Up to 24 hours	
Culture, viral	Culturette, Stuarts or Amies	Ambient/Refrigerate	Up to 24 hours	
Culture, wound	Culturette, Stuarts or Amies	Ambient	Up to 24 hours	2 swabs recommended for Gram stain
Giardia/Crypto Antigen	O&P collection vials	Ambient/Refrigerate	Up to 7 days	No barium, urine, contrast

GC (PCR), Vaginal/endocervical	Xpert CT/NG specimen collection kit	Ambient/Refrigerate	Up to 60 days	
GC (PCR), urine	Sterile container	Refrigerate	Up to 8 days	First catch urine
Herpes (PCR), genital	Culturette, Stuarts or Amies	Refrigerate	Up to 24 hours	M4 or M5 media acceptable
H. pylori, stool	Clean stool container	Refrigerate	Up to 72 hours	
Influenzae Antigen	Nasopharyngeal swab	Refrigerate	Up to 72 hours	
Lactoferrin, Feces	Clean stool container	Ambient/Refrigerate	Up to 14 days	
Legionella Antigen, urine	Sterile container	Ambient/Refrigerate	Up to 14 days	
Occult blood, stool	Hemosure collection device	Refrigerate  Ambient	Up to 30 days  Up to 6 days	Must be received in Hemosure collection container
Ova and Parasites	O&P collection vials (Para-pak)	Ambient/Refrigerate	Up to 7 days	No barium, urine, contrast
Pinworm	Pinworm paddle	Refrigerate	Up to 24 hours	
Rotavirus	Clean stool container	Refrigerate	Up to 48 hours	
RSV	Sterile container or nasopharyngeal swab	Refrigerate	Up to 48 hours	
Strep pneumo Antigen, urine	Sterile container	Refrigerate	Up to 14 days	
Strep, rapid throat	Culturette, Stuarts or Amies	Refrigerate	Up to 72 hours	
Wet Prep (vaginal)	Sterile saline, 2-3 cc	Ambient	Up to 72 hours	