

Microbiology Stool Specimen Collection Instructions

Test Name	Ordering Code	Container	Comments
Clostridium difficile Toxin PCR	8828 LAB8288	Screw cap container	Liquid or semi-liquid stool only (should take the shape of the container). Refrigerate within 24 hrs and transport within 5 days. One specimen is sufficient for detection. <i>UNACCEPTABLE: formed stool, stool in preservative and other specimen types.</i>
Cryptosporidium test	6542 87328.0	Para-Pak C&S Transport Media or a screw cap container	Within 1 hour, add stool <u>only until the liquid level reaches the line on the vial</u> , recap & mix well. <u>Overfilled vials will be rejected.</u> Refrigerate & return to AHL within 7 days of collection. Unpreserved stool must be received within 48 hrs.
Enteric pathogen culture, stool	12351 LAB12351	Cary-Blair or Para-Pak C&S transport media	Place 1g/5mL fresh stool sample in Cary-Blair or Para-Pak C & S transport medium within 2 hours of collection. Specimen must reach the testing laboratory within 4 days.
Giardia Antigen	6695 87329.0	Para-Pak C&S transport media	Within 48 hrs of collection, add stool <u>only until the liquid level reaches the line on the vial</u> , recap & mix well. <u>Overfilled vials will be rejected.</u> Refrigerate & return to AHL within 7 days of collection. <i>One specimen is sufficient for detection.</i>
Helicobacter pylori Antigen	4767 87338.0	Screw cap container	Within 1 hour, refrigerate stool. Transport refrigerated within 72 hours. <i>Unacceptable: Stool in preservative, dried out stool, watery stool with little or no solid matter, stool on swabs.</i>
Microsporidium, feces	994 LAB994	EcoFix Vial	Within 1 hour, add stool <u>only until the liquid level reaches the line on the vial</u> , recap & mix well. <u>Overfilled vials will be rejected.</u> Hold and transport at ambient temperature. There is no time limit for return to AHL. <i>Collect only one specimen/day.</i>
Ova and Parasites Exam (O&P)	6596 LAB6596	EcoFix Vial	Within 1 hour, add stool <u>only until the liquid level reaches the line on the vial</u> , recap & mix well. <u>Overfilled vials will be rejected.</u> Hold and transport at ambient temperature. There is no time limit for return to AHL. <i>Collect only one specimen per day. Note: 3 specimens collected 2 days apart, in separate vials, are recommended.</i>

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Rotavirus Antigen, stool	5780 87425.0	Screw cap container	Liquid stool preferred. Within 1 hour, refrigerate stool. Transport to AHL refrigerated within 72 hours. <i>UNACCEPTABLE: Rectal swabs, meconium stool, dried stool or stool in transport media</i>
Stool pathogen multiplex PCR panel	12795 LAB12795	Para-Pak C&S Transport Media	Collect specimen in clean container and transfer specimen to a ParaPak® C&S or Cary-Blair preservative vial within 2 hours of collection. Use the spoon in vial and fill to the "fill line" - <i>DO NOT OVERFILL</i> . Mix well and refrigerate. Specimen must reach AHL within 48 hours of collection.
Viral Culture, Non-Respiratory	7635 LAB7635	MML stool container	Transport refrigerated within 7 days of collection
VRE Culture (Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus)	6550 87081.7	ESwab or sterile container	Stool, rectal swab or other specimen. <i>Sterile container</i> : Refrigerate within 2 hours and transport refrigerated within 24 hours of collection. <i>Swab</i> : Transport ambient or refrigerated within 48 hrs.
WBC Stool	6608 89055.0	Screw cap container	Refrigerate stool within 1 hour. Refrigerated specimen must reach AHL within 24 hours of collection. <i>Collect only one specimen per day.</i>

Stool transport containers



Screw Cap
container



Para-Pak
C&S Transport Vial



EcoFix Vial



ESwab



Sterile Container



MML Stool Container

***NOTE:** Due to manufacturer's backorder, cap colors may change. It is very important that the label is checked to verify that you have the correct container.