

Analytes offered by the Alabama Department of Public Health – Bureau of Clinical Laboratories



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Abrine	Call 334-290-6160	Urine, 5 ml	Urine collection guidance	 Storage: Freeze at ≤ -20°C Shipment: On dry ice at ≤ -20°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	LC/MS/MS	1-2	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Aerobic/Anaerobic Bacterial ID	Microbiology - Reference LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Blood Culture Bottle; Bodily Fluids based on suspected agent	Pure Culture (Isolate) After inoculating incubate 24 hours before shipment. Clinical Specimens Blood Culture Bottle - Refer to manufacturer's procedures Bodily Fluids - Sterile collection: method based on source.	Pure Culture (Isolate) • Shipment: Ambient • Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Clinical Specimens • Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C • Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 Unless suspected then Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814	Conventional methods	7-30	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Alanine Amino- Transferase (ALT, SGPT) See: Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Hepatic Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): ALT SGPT LIMS CHM ALT	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Albumin See: Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Hepatic Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Albumin LIMS CHM ALBUMI	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Alkaline Phosphatase See: Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Hepatic Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): ALK PH LIMS CHM ALK PH	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Amylase	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Amylase LIMS CHM AMYLAS	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Arbovirus (Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika)	RFLT Arboviral Testing LIMS ARBO_PCR	 Serum, 2-3 ml; Urine, 2-3 ml (for Zika only, must be paired with serum); Amniotic fluid (for Zika only, must be paired with serum) 	Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. Urine: Collect in sterile container. Urine collection guidance. Amniotic fluid: Follow facility protocol.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Specimens must be submitted within 7 days of collection Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	PCR Forward to CDC with pre-approval	2-5	All providers: requires prior consultation with ID&O before submission (334) 206-5971	Microbiology Prattville
Ascaris	See Intestinal Pa	rasites			1	l	1	Microbiology Prattville
Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST, SGOT) See: Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Hepatic Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): AST, SGOT LIMS CHM AST	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Aspergillus, (Culture)	See Fungus Cult	ure			1			Mycotics Prattville
Bacillus anthracis	RFLT Other test: Bacillus anthracis LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology 334-290-6186 Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood; Serum; Respiratory aspirate; Clinical swabs	Pure Culture (Isolate) Submit on chocolate agar slant, tryptic soy agar, or other suitable slant. Clinical Specimens Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Send immediately but call prior to shipment Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814	Conventional methods, PCR	3-14	All providers	Microbiology Prattville

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Basic Metabolic Panel Glucose, BUN, Creatine, Sodium, Potassium, Chloride, Bicarbonate, Calcium	RFLT Chemistry Panel: Basic Metabolic Panel LIMS CHM BAS ME	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Bicarbonate (CO ₂)	See Basic Metal	polic Panel or Comprehe	nsive Metabolic Panel or Electrol	yte Panel or Renal Function Panel				Clinical Chemistry
Bilirubin (Total) See: Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Hepatic Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Bilirubin Total LIMS CHM BIL TO	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Transport specimens intended for light-sensitive analyte testing in foil wrapping Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Bilirubin (Direct) See: Hepatic Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Bilirubin Direct LIMS CHM BIL DI		This is a light sensitive analyte. Protect from light during storage and delivery.	UN 3373				
Bioterrorism Sample	FBI consultation	n required prior to submi	ssion			1	ı	Microbiology Prattville
Blastomyces (Culture)	See Fungus Cult	ture						Mycotics Prattville
Blood Parasites	RFLT Parasitology LIMS BLPARA	Whole blood; Blood smear - Include thick and thin smears, 2 slides each. 1 pair stained 1 pair unstained	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Blood Smear - Capillary blood draw Citrated, oxalated, or heparinized blood may not adhere to slides & may interfere with staining.	Whole blood Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed storage and shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C, ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. Blood Smear Allow slides to air dry thoroughly before packaging Storage and Shipment: Ambient Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Microscopy	3-5	All providers	Microbiology Prattville

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Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN) See: Basic Metabolic Panel, Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Renal Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): BUN LIMS CHM BUN	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Bordetella pertussis (Culture/PCR)	RFLT Microbiology Reference Microbiology PCR Please specify suspected agent LIMS BORCUL BPPCR	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Nasopharyngeal (NP) aspirate/wash, 1 ml in sterile tube; NP aspirate/wash in Regan-Lowe media; NP swab, sterile tube; NP swab in Regan- Lowe media	Pure Culture (Isolate) Inoculate Jones-Kendrick (JK) agar plate & streak for isolation. Incubate plate for 48 hrs. in moist environment at 35°C. Clinical Specimens NP aspirate/wash: Drip 2 drops of wash specimen over swab. Push swab into Regan-Lowe media. NP swab: Push swab into Regan-Lowe media.	Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient in moist environment Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods, PCR	2-10	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Botulinum toxin	RFLT Other test: Botulinum toxin LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology 334-290-6186 • Food; • Serum, 5 ml; • Stool, 5 g	Food - Leave food specimens in original container if possible. Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. Stool collection guidance	Send immediately but call prior to shipment Refrigerate at 2-8°C until shipment Ship food separately from clinical samples Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods, PCR, Mouse bioassay	1-14	All providers: Requires prior approval with Central Office-ID&O within 4 hours (334) 206-5971	Prattville

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Brucella	RFLT Other test: Brucella LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology 334-290-6186 Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood; Serum	Pure Culture (Isolate) Submit on chocolate agar slant, tryptic soy agar, or other suitable slant. Clinical Specimens Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Send immediately but call prior to shipment Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814	Conventional methods, PCR	3-14	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Burkholderia mallei and pseudomallei (Glanders disease)	RFLT Other test: Burkholderia LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology 334-290-6186 Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood; Serum	Pure Culture (Isolate) Submit on appropriate media Clinical Specimens Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Send immediately but call prior to shipment Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814	Conventional methods, PCR	3-14	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Calcium See: Basic Metabolic Panel Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Calcium LIMS CHM CALCIU	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Campylobacter	RFLT Campylobacter LIMS CAMPY	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole stool (feces) and stool in preservatives	Stool collection guidance	Pure Culture (Isolate) After isolating for pure culture & 24 hrs. incubation, Shipment: Ambient and microaerophilic if available Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods	5-10	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Candida (Culture)	See Fungus Cult	ure	I	ON OFFI	I			Mycotics Prattville
Chikungunya	See Arbovirus							Microbiology Prattville
CT/GC/TV Chlanydia trachomatis (CT), Neisseria gonorrhoeae (NG), Trichomonas vaginalis (TV)	RFLT CT/GC/TV LIMS CT-GC-TV	Male urethral swab; Endocervical swab; Urine specimen; Vaginal swab Oral and rectal swabs are tested for CT/GC only. For patients 14 and under or pregnant patients only urine samples will be accepted.	Endocervical & Male urethral swab Urine specimen - First void of urine for the day Vaginal swab Throat swab Rectal swab Unisex Swabs, Item# CF02 available upon request. Urine Spec Kit, Item# CM01 available upon request. Multitest Swab, Item# CF04 available upon request.	Storage: 2-30°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-30°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	NAAT DNA Amplification test (PCR)	1-7	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP, Private physicians	STD Prattville & Mobile
Chloride	See Basic Metal	polic Panel - See Compre		ectrolyte Panel - See Renal Function P	anel			Clinical Chemistry
Cholesterol See: Lipid Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Cholesterol LIMS CHM CHOLES	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Clostridium botulinum	See Botulinum t	oxin						Microbiology Prattville

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Coccidioides, (Culture)	RFLT Mycology	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred	See "Mycology Specimen Requirements" on ADPH website.	Pure Culture (Isolate) • Storage and Shipment: Ambient	Microscopy, Culture, Morphology,	7 - 31	All providers	Mycotics Prattville
	LIMS REFMYC	Clinical Specimens Respiratory, 5-10 ml; Tissue, 1g; Body fluids, 10-15 ml; CSF, 2-3 ml Minimum recommended volumes (Optimal 10 ml)	 Mycology Kit, Item# K306 available upon request. Mailers are provided to HCP 	Clinical Specimens ■ Storage and Shipment: □ Blood, bone marrow, CSF, gastric fluid (Add 100 mg sodium carbonate to gastric within 1 hr.), ambient ■ Other samples: Ambient up to 24 hours. Delayed: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	CDC Referral			
Complete Blood Count with differential	RFLT CBC With Differential LIMS CBC_DIFF	Whole blood, 5 ml	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Specimens should be collected Monday-Thursday. If collected Friday, they must be received before noon Friday.	Do NOT store - Ship immediately DO NOT REFRIGERATE • Storage: 2-26°C • Shipment: With frozen cold packs between 2-26°C • Delayed shipment: 24-48 hours. Ship with frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Differential can only be performed on samples ≤ 24 hours since time of collection. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Hematology Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Complete Blood Count without differential	RFLT CBC Without Differential LIMS CBC	Whole blood, 5 ml	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Specimens should be collected Monday-Thursday. If collected Friday, they must be received before noon Friday.	Do NOT store - Ship immediately DO NOT REFRIGERATE • Storage: 2-26°C • Shipment: With frozen cold packs between 2-26°C • Delayed shipment: 24-48 hours. Ship with frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Hematology Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Comprehensive Metabolic ALT(SGPT), Albumin, Alkaline Phosphatase, AST(SGOT), Bicarbonate, Bilirubin Total, BUN, Calcium, Chloride, Creatine, Glucose, Potassium, Protein Total, Sodium	RFLT Chemistry Panel: Comprehensive Metabolic LIMS CHM CMP ME	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. This is a light sensitive analyte. Protect from light during storage and delivery.	 Transport specimens intended for light-sensitive analyte testing in foil wrapping Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)	RFLT Microbiology - PCR: MERS- CoV LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	 Nasopharyngeal swab; Sputum; Lower respiratory aspirate; Serum 	Swabs should be placed in viral transport media. Sputum & aspirates collected in a sterile tube. Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Samples ≤72hrs: • Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C • Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Samples >72hrs: • Storage: Freeze at -20°C • Shipment: On dry ice at ≤ -20°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	PCR	2-5	All providers: requires prior consultation with ID&O before submission (334) 206-5971	Microbiology Prattville
Coronavirus (SARS-CoV2, COVID-19)	RFLT COVID19 <u>LIMS</u> COVID-19	 Nasal Swab; Nasopharyngeal swab; Nasal wash-aspirate Specimens placed in viral transport medium containing guanidium thiocyanate will be deemed unsatisfactory. 	 Nasal Swab Nasopharyngeal swab Nasal wash & aspirates collected in a sterile tube. Swabs should be placed in viral transport media.	Packaging Guidance Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Specimens should be submitted within 3 days of collection. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	PCR	5 -7	All Providers	Microbiology, Myco- bacteriology, STD, Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Corynebacterium diphtheriae (Culture)	RFLT Microbiology - Reference LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Pure Culture (Isolate)	Submit on sheep's blood agar or other suitable slant.	Shipment: Ambient Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods	3-12	All providers	Microbiology Prattville

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Coxiella burnetii (Q-Fever)	RFLT Microbiology - PCR LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Whole blood	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	PCR	2-5	All providers: Prior consultation with Central Office - ID&O before submission (334) 206-5971	Microbiology Prattville
Crab meat (Fecal Coliform, E. coli, Aerobic Plate Count and Listeria)	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	150 g sample in puncture proof containers	Meat from various crab shop stations including cooked crab, lump meat, jumbo lump, claw meat, and claws	 Iced & held below 10°C, but not frozen; not submerged in cooler water Must be received by laboratory within 24 hrs. of collection 	FDA-APHA MPN Method	1-7	ADPH Bureau of Environmental Services	Mobile
Creatinine See: Basic Metabolic Panel, Comprehensive Metabolic Panel. Renal Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Creatinine LIMS CHM CREATI	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Cryptococcus (Culture)	See Fungus Cult	ure						Mycotics Prattville
Cryptosporidium	RFLT Parasitology LIMS OANDP Please specify suspected agent	Stool (feces), 1 tsp in Zn PVA, and 1 tsp 10% formalin For surveillance only: Stool (feces), 1 tsp in Cary Blair media	Stool collection guidance Intestinal Parasite Kit, Item# K303 available upon request.	Shipment: Ambient Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Microscopy, PCR (for surveillance only)	1-5	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Cyanide	Call 334-290-6160	Whole blood, 1 ml	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Do not freeze Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	GC/MS	1-3	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Dairy Products	Call BCL - Sani	tary Bacteriology					State & CHD Environmenta lists	Sanitary Bacteriology Prattville
Dengue	See Arbovirus (I	Dengue, Chikungunya, Z	Cika)				11313	Microbiology Prattville
Dermatophytes (Culture)	See Fungus Cult	ure						Mycotics Prattville
Diphtheria	See Corynebacte	erium diphtheriae						Microbiology Prattville

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Ebola virus	RFLT Microbiology - PCR LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Whole blood, 2-4 ml	Call BCL Micro- Reference Bacteriology 334-290-6186	 Call prior to shipment Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814 	PCR	1-2	All providers: Prior consultation with Central Office - ID&O before submission (334) 206-5971	Microbiology Prattville
Electrolytes Panel Na, K, Cl, CO ₂	RFLT Chemistry Panel Electrolytes LIMS CHM ELEC P	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Entamoeba sp.	See Intestinal Pa	arasites						Microbiology Prattville
Enteric fecal screen (Salmonella, Shigella, shigatoxin producing E. coli)	RFLT Enteric Fecal Screen LIMS ENT_FEC_SN	 Stool (feces) in Cary Blair media (preferred); Stool (feces), 1 tsp; Rectal swab 	Stool collection guidance	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C, ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Cary Blair media: Ship ambient Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Conventional methods	5-12	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Escherichia coli (Serotyping, toxin testing)	RFLT E. coli LIMS • E_COLI (Isolate only) • SHIGATOX (GN broth)	Pure Culture (Isolate); Gram-negative (GN) broth		Pure Culture (Isolate) - After isolating a pure culture & 24 hr. incubation, ship immediately, ambient Broth shipment - After inoculation, lid should be wrapped with parafilm, ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Shigatoxin Positive Strains: Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814 Unknown Toxin Status Samples: Biological Substance, Category B UN3373	Conventional methods	7-14	All providers	Microbiology Prattville

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Ferritin	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Ferritin LIMS CHM FERRIN	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Francisella tularensis (Tularemia)	RFLT Other test: Francisella LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology 334-290-6186 Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood; Aspirates; Swab of ulcer	Pure Culture (Isolate) Submit on chocolate agar slant, tryptic soy agar, or other suitable slant. Clinical Specimens Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Aspirates: Follow facility protocol based on aspirate site.	Send immediately but call prior to shipment. Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814	Conventional methods, PCR	3-14	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Fungus, Culture (Yeasts & Molds)	RFLT Mycology LIMS • RMYC • REFMYC	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Respiratory, 5-10 ml; Tissue, 1g; Body fluids, 10-15 ml; CSF, 2-3 ml, Minimum recommended volumes (Optimal 10 ml)	See "Mycology Specimen Requirements" on ADPH website. • Mycology Kit, Item# K306 available upon request. • Mailers are provided to HCP	Pure Culture (Isolate) Storage and Shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens Storage and Shipment: Blood, bone marrow, CSF, gastric fluid (Add 100 mg sodium carbonate to gastric within 1 hr.), Ambient Other samples: Ambient up to 24 hours. Delayed: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Microscopy morphology, Biochemicals Maldi-Tof, heat tolerance tests CDC referral if unable to identify AND specimen collection was sterile	1 -31	All providers	Mycotics Prattville
Gamma Glutamyl Transpeptidase (GGTP)	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): GGTP LIMS CHM GGTP	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Gastrointestinal Panel See BioFire Gastro Panel Menu	RFLT Other test: Gastro panel LIMS GASTRO_PNL Indicate approved outbreak number on requisition	Stool (feces), 1 tsp preferred in Cary Blair media	Stool collection guidance	 Stool: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Cary Blair: Ambient Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	PCR	2-5	Central Office, CHDs	Microbiology Prattville
Giardia	See Intestinal Pa	rasites			1			Microbiology Prattville
Glucose See: Basic Metabolic Panel Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Renal Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Glucose LIMS CHM GLUCOS	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Haemophilus, (Culture & Serotyping)	RFLT Microbiology - Reference, Microbiology - PCR LIMS HFLU	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood; CSF; Bronchoalveolar lavage; Conjunctival swab	Pure Culture (Isolate) After inoculation on chocolate agar incubate 24 hours before shipment. Clinical Specimens Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. CSF - Follow facility protocol Bronchoalveolar lavage - Follow facility protocol. Conjunctival swab - Follow facility protocol.	Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Ship immediately Clinical Specimens Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods, PCR	4-8	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Hematocrit, (Automated)	See Complete B	lood Count	,		•	1	1	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Hemoglobin, (Automated)	See Complete B	ee Complete Blood Count Cl						

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Hepatic Function Panel AST(SGOT), ALT(SGPT), Alkaline Phosphatase, Total Bilirubin, Direct bilirubin, Total Protein, Albumin, Phosphorus	RFLT Chemistry Panel: Hepatic Function Panel LIMS CHM HEP PN	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. This is a light sensitive analyte. Protect from light during storage and delivery.	 Transport specimens intended for light-sensitive analyte testing in foil wrapping Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Hepatitis A (IgM)	RFLT Hepatitis A-IgM LIMS HEP-A-ABDY	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-5	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Hepatitis B (Surface Antigen – detects current infection)	RFLT Hepatitis B- Surface Antigen LIMS HEP-B-AGEN	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-5	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Hepatitis B (Surface Antibody – detects immunity and past infection)	RFLT Hepatitis B- Surface Antibody LIMS HEP-B-ABDY	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-5	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Hepatitis C (Screening)	RFLT Hepatitis C- Antibody LIMS HEP-C-ABDY	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-5	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Hepatitis C (Viral Load)	RFLT Hepatitis C-Viral Load LIMS HEP_C_VL	Plasma, 3 ml;Serum, 3 ml	Plasma: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube. Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Upon separation, EDTA plasma or serum may be stored in secondary tubes for up to 6 days at 2-8°C or up to 12 weeks at ≤-18°C. Shipment: ≤6 days ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. 7 days to 84 days ship on dry ice ≤-18°C. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	NAAT DNA Amplification test (PCR)	1-5	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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High-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol (HDL) See: Lipid Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(S) HDL LIMS CHM CHL HD	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. Patient should be fasting.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Histoplasmosis (Culture)	See Fungus Cult	ure	r attent should be fasting.					Mycotics Prattville
HIV (Ag/AB Screening)	RFLT HIV Screening LIMS HIV-SCRN	Serum, 3-5 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Specimens must be received in lab within 7 days of collection. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	BioPlex Multiplex Immunoassay	1 -5	CHD Federally funded HCP, Private physicians	STD Prattville
HIV 1 (Confirmation NAAT)	NAAT testing is only performed on specimens with a reactive screening or non-reactive or indeterminate Geenius result.	Serum, 2 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	NAAT DNA Amplification test (PCR)	5-10	CHD & publicly funded HCP	STD Prattville
HIV 1/2 (Differentiation Geenius)	Geenius is only performed on specimens with a reactive screening result.	Serum, 3-5 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Samples < 48 hrs. old: • Storage: 20-30°C • Shipment: Room temperature cold packs at 20-30°C Samples 3-7 days old: • Refrigerate at 2-8°C • Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Geenius	1-5	CHD, Federally funded HCP, Private physicians	STD Prattville

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HIV (Viral Load)	RFLT HIV Viral Load LIMS HIV VL	Plasma, 3-5 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube. See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Storage: Upon separation, EDTA plasma may be stored in a transfer tube for up to 6 days at 2-8°C or up to 12 weeks at ≤-18°C. Shipment: ≤ 6 days ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. 7 days to 84 days ship on dry ice ≤-18°C. Biological Substance, Category B 	NAAT DNA Amplification test (PCR)	5-10	HIV/Viral Load Grant approved participants & CHD	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Hookworm	See Intestinal Pa	nrasites		UN 3373				Microbiology Prottyillo
Influenza	RFLT Influenza LIMS INFLUENZA	Upper respiratory specimens; Lower respiratory specimens Calcium alginate swabs are not accepted.	See Influenza Laboratory Testing, additional resources, on the ADPH website for detailed instructions. • Respiratory Kit, Item# K305 available upon request.	 Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	PCR	5-7	All providers If Avian Influenza suspected, contact Central Office - ID&O or State Health Lab for instructions (334) 206-5971	Prattville Microbiology, Myco- bacteriology, Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Intestinal Parasites	RFLT Parasitology LIMS OANDP Please specify suspected agent	• Stool (feces), 1 tsp in Zn PVA, and 1 tsp 10% formalin; • Adult worm	Stool collection guidance Place adult worm in bottle containing formalin. Intestinal Parasite Kit, Item# K303 available upon request.	Storage and Shipment: Ambient Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Microscopy	3-7	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Iron	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Iron LIMS CHM IRON	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. Patient should be fasting.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Chemistry Prattville
Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH)	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): LDH LIMS CHN LDH	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Lead, Blood	RFLT Blood Lead LIMS BLOOD_LEAD	Whole blood, 200 μl	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Capillary draw into Microvette tube Fingerstick for children >1 yr. Heel stick for infants <1 yr. Ensure sample is filled to indicator line and properly capped. Immediately after collection invert tube 8-10 times.	Shipment: 2-30°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Atomic Absorption	5	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Lead, Environmental	Environmental Lead Sample Log sent by email	 Paint sample, > 0.2g Soil sample, > 0.5 g Water sample, > 10 ml Wipe sample, ghost wipes 	50 ml polypropylene centrifuge tube Resealable plastic bag All collection and testing procedures conform to the methodology and guidelines set forth in the Environmental Lead Quality Assurance Manual (ADPH-F-BCL-175).	Storage & Shipment: Ambient	Atomic Absorption Spectrometry	14	Environmenta lists with the ADPH Bureau of Environmenta 1 Services	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Legionella	RFLT Microbiology - Reference Please specify suspected agent LIMS LEGION	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Pleural fluid; Trans-tracheal aspirates; Bronchial washings; Sputum; Lung tissue	Pure Culture (Isolate) Submit on buffered charcoal yeast extract with cystine agar Clinical Specimens Trans-tracheal aspirates Bronchial washings Sputum Certain types of specimens may be accepted only for examination at the CDC (i.e., paraffin embedded tissue). No formalized specimens are accepted.	Pure Culture (Isolate) • Shipment: Ambient • Delayed shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens • Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C • Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods	10-16	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Leptospira	RFLT Microbiology - Reference LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Call BCL Micro-Referer 334-290-6186 Provider must send samp	nce Bacteriology ble to BCL. BCL will forward to CDC	T for testing.	1	1		Microbiology Prattville

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Lipid Panel Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides	RFLT Chemistry Panel Lipid LIMS HM LIP PN	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Listeria	RFLT Listeria LIMS REFMICRO	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood; CSF; Stool (feces) - Process ASAP or refrigerate up to 48 hrs.	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. CSF - Follow facility protocol Stool collection guidance	Pure Culture (Isolate) • After isolating a pure culture & 24 hr. incubation, ship immediately, ambient Clinical Specimens • Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C • Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods	5-7	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol (LDL) See: Lipid Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): LDL LIMS CHM CHL LD	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Lymphocyte (Subset Enumeration) CD4 CD8 CD4/CD8 Ratio	RFLT Lymphocyte Subset (CD4) LIMS LYMPH	Whole blood, 5 ml	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Specimens should be collected Monday-Thursday. If collected Friday, they must be received before noon Friday. Do not collect the day before a state holiday.	Do NOT store - Ship immediately. Must arrive within 24 hrs. of collection. DO NOT REFRIGERATE • Storage: Room temperature at 18-26°C • Shipment: With room temperature cold packs at 18-26°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Flow Cytometry	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Lymphocyte (Subset Enumeration & Percent) CD4 CD8 CD4/CD8 Ratio Percent CD4	RFLT Lymphocyte Subset (CD4) % LIMS LYMPH_PCT	Whole blood, 5 ml	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Specimens should be collected Monday-Thursday. If collected Friday, they must be received before noon Friday. Do not collect the day before a state holiday.	Do NOT store - Ship immediately. Must arrive within 24 hrs. of collection. DO NOT REFRIGERATE • Storage: Room temperature at 18-26°C • Shipment: With room temperature cold packs at 18-26°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Flow Cytometry	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Malaria	See Plasmodium	ı sp.						Microbiology Prattville
Measles (German)	See Rubella							Microbiology Prattville
Milk	See Dairy Produ	cts						Sanitary Bacteriology
Monkeypox	See Orthopoxvir	ee Orthopoxvirus						
Morbillivirus (Measles/Red Measles/ Rubeola)	RFLT Microbiology - Reference LIMS REFMICRO List rash onset date	Nasopharyngeal swab;Throat swab	 Nasopharyngeal and Throat Swab. Specimens should be collected 8-21 days past onset of rash. 	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	PCR Forwarded to WSLH	14 days	CHD only. Contact the Central Office Immunization Division (334) 206-5978	Microbiology Prattville
Mycobacteria, (Smear and Culture, Culture, & Drug Susceptibility Testing)	RFLT AFB	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens • Respiratory, 5-10 ml; • Tissue, 1g; • Body fluids, 10-15 ml; • CSF, 2-3 ml, Minimum recommended volumes (Optimum is 10 ml) Swabs are not recommended.	See TB Specimen Requirements on ADPH website for collection procedure. • AFB Kit, Item # K300 available upon request. • Mailers are provided to HCP. Specimens should be collected Monday-Thursday. Specimens collected on Friday or older than 3 days upon receipt at the lab will not be accepted without prior approval. Call Mycobacteriology at 334-290-3089.	Pure Culture (Isolate): Storage: 35°-38°C Shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens Storage and Shipment: Blood, bone marrow, CSF, gastric fluid (Add 100 mg sodium carbonate to gastric within 1 hr.), ambient Other shipment: ≤ 24 hours, ambient. At >24 hours ship with frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. Clinical Specimens & NTM cultures: Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 TB cultures Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814	Microscopy, Morphology, Accuprobe, PCR, Maldi-Tof, 16S	1-45	All providers	Myco- bacteriology Prattville

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Neisseria meningitides (Meningitis, Meningococcal)	RFLT Microbiology - Reference Please specify suspected agent LIMS NMEN	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood; CSF; Bronchoalveolar lavage; Nasopharyngeal swab; Oropharyngeal swabs	Pure Culture (Isolate) After inoculation on chocolate agar incubate 24 hours before shipment. Clinical Specimens Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. CSF - Follow facility protocol. Bronchoalveolar lavage - Follow facility protocol.	Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Ship immediately Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	PCR, Conventional Methods	4-10	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Newborn Screening	NBS Order Forms	Refer to newborn scre	ening collection guidelines					Newborn Screening Prattville
Norovirus	RFLT Microbiology - PCR LIMS NOROVIRUS Indicate approved outbreak number on requisition		Screw-cap container WITHOUT media	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	PCR	2-5	Central Office, CHDs	Microbiology Prattville
Organo-phosphate Nerve agent metabolites Sarin, Soman, Cyclosarin, VX, Russian VX	Call 334-290-6160	• Serum, 1 ml; • Urine, 1 ml	Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. Urine collection guidance	Storage: Freeze at ≤ -20°C Shipment: On dry ice at ≤ -20°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	LC/MS/MS	1-2	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Orthopoxvirus	RFLT Microbiology - PCR LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	• Lesion swab, 2 per lesion	CDC Collection Guidance	Storage: Refrigerated or frozen within 1hr of collection. Shipment: Dry ice is strongly recommended, but frozen cold packs are acceptable. Must be received within 7 days of collection. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	PCR	1-5	All Provider after approval from ADPH medical officer Testing Consultation Form	Microbiology Prattville

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Oyster Growing Waters (Fecal Coliform)	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	• Water, 225 ml	Collection guidance may be obtained from Mobile lab 251-344-6049.	Storage: Iced & held below 10°C Sample must be tested within 30 hrs. of collection	Modified A-1 MPN	1-2	ADPH Bureau of Environmental Services	Mobile
Oyster Growing Water: Wet Storage (Total Coliforms)	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	• Water, 225 ml	Collection guidance may be obtained from Mobile lab 251-344-6049. Ultra Violet (UV) treated process water from storage tanks.	Storage: Iced & held below 10°C Sample must be tested within 30 hrs. of collection	Ten tube single dilution MPN	2-4	ADPH Bureau of Environmental Services	Mobile
Pertussis, Culture (Whooping Cough)	See Bordetella p	pertussis			1		1	Microbiology Prattville
Phosphorus See: Hepatic Function Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Phosphorus LIMS CHM PHOSPH	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Pinworm	RFLT Parasitology LIMS PINWORM	Pinworm kit (Swube TM paddle): Item #K307 available upon request.	Pinworm Kit - follow instruction sheet included with kit 1. Specimens should be collected immediately upon retiring at night or prior to rising in the morning. 2. Hold the paddle by the cap and remove it from the tube. 3. Separate the buttocks and press the tacky surface of the paddle against several areas of the anus region. 4. Replace the paddle in the tube. Return specimen(s) to healthcare provider for mailing. Please do not put feces on paddle or in tube.	Shipment: Ambient Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Microscopy	1-3	All providers	Microbiology Prattville

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Plasmodium sp. (Malaria)	RFLT Parasitology Please specify suspected agent LIMS BLPARA	Microscopy • Whole blood; • Blood smear - include thick and thin smears, 2 slides each. ○ 1 pair stained ○ 1 pair unstained PCR Whole blood	Optimum collection time is halfway between chills. Microscopy • Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. • Capillary draw • Citrated, oxalated, or heparinized blood may not adhere to slides & may interfere with staining. PCR • Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times.	Blood Smear Allow slides to air dry thoroughly before packaging. Storage and Shipment: Ambient Whole blood Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8° C. Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Microscopy, PCR	1-5	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Potassium	See Basic Metal	polic Panel - See Compre	ehensive Metabolic Panel - See El	ectrolyte Panel - See Renal Function P	Panel			Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Protozoa	See Intestinal Pa	nrasites						Microbiology Prattville
Q-Fever	See Coxiella bu	rnetti						Microbiology Prattville
Rabies	RFLT Rabies requisition form LIMS RABIES	No live animals are accepted Small animal Less than 15 lbs. and 19 inches long Dead, whole animal Medium animal More than 15 lbs. and 19 inches long Decapitated with skull intact Large animal Bovine, equine, etc. Send to a veterinary lab for brain removal	 Do not club or shoot animal in the head. Specimens that are decomposed or infested with fleas or maggots will not be accepted. Specimens in formalin not accepted. Animals needing other tests should be sent to a veterinary diagnostic lab first. 	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs or ice, double bagged and in a leakproof container, ambient. Delayed shipment: 36 - 48 hours Refrigerate and ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C. If shipment cannot occur with 4 days of collection freeze at ≤-20°C and ship on dry ice at ≤-20°C. Label outside package "Rabies Specimen" 	DFA	1-2	All providers & private citizens	Microbiology Prattville, Mobile

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Renal Function Panel Glucose, Urea Nitrogen (BUN), Creatine, Sodium Potassium Chloride, Bicarbonate	RFLT Chemistry Panel Renal Function LIMS CHM REN PN	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Respiratory Panel See BioFire Respiratory Panel Menu	RFLT Microbiology - PCR LIMS RESP_PNL Indicate approved outbreak number on requisition	Nasopharyngeal swab	 Collect only using synthetic tip swabs (ex. Dacron, Nylon, Polyester) with non-wooden shaft. Immediately after collection, place swab directly in 2-3ml of viral transport media (VTM). Respiratory Kit, Item # K305 available upon request. 	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	PCR	2 -5	Central Office, CHDs	Microbiology Prattville
Ricinine	Call 334-290-6160	Urine, 5 ml	Urine collection guidance	 Storage: Freeze at ≤ -20°C Shipment: On dry ice ≤ -20°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	LC/MS/MS	1-3	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Ringworm	See Fungus Cult	ture		,	1	1		Mycotics Prattville
Rickettsia sp. (R. typhi - Rickettsia, R. rickettsia - Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever)	RFLT Microbiology - Reference LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Whole blood; Serum - paired acute & convalescent, 1 ml (minimum, 3-5 preferred); Tissue - biopsy from rash or eschar; Swab of eschar	Acute specimen drawn within 14 days of onset. Convalescent specimen drawn 2-10 weeks after onset. • Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection invert tube 8-10 times. • Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. • Tissue and swab of eschar: See CDC guidance.	Storage: Freeze acute serum at ≤ -20°C until convalescent specimen is collected. Shipment: Dry ice ≤ -20°C Other Specimens See CDC guidance Biological Substance, Category B	BCL will forward to CDC for testing	14	All Providers	Microbiology Prattville
Roundworm	See Intestinal Pa	nrasites	1	'	1	•		Microbiology Prattville

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RPR	See Syphilis Tes	sting						STD Prattville & Mobile
Rubella (German Measles)	RFLT Microbiology - Reference LIMS REFMICRO List rash onset date	 Nasopharyngeal swab; Throat swab 	Specimens should be collected 8-21 days past onset of rash. List rash onset date.	Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	PCR Forwarded to WSLH	14	CHD only. Contact the Central Office Immunization Division (334) 206-5478	Microbiology Prattville
Rubeola (Red Measles)	See Morbilliviru	us					ı	Microbiology Prattville
Salmonella	RFLT Salmonella / Shigella LIMS SAL-SHIG	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood Stool (feces): See Enteric Fecal Screen	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times.	Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Clinical Specimens Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods	5-12	All providers	
SARS-CoV-2	See Coronavirus	S						Microbiology Myco- bacteriology, STD, Clinical Chemistry
Sarcoptes scabiei (Scabies)	RFLT Parasitology LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Skin scraping	Use mineral oil on blade to scrape skin. Place on a slide & seal cover slip with clear fingernail polish. Put in a Petri dish or similar container.	Storage and Shipment: Ambient Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Microscopy	1-3	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Shellfish Shellstock (Fecal Coliform, E. coli, Aerobic Plate Count)	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	12-16 crustaceans in loosely closed, puncture-proof plastic bags.	200 g of meat & liquid after shucking; Minimum 12 crustaceans.	 Iced & held below 10°C, but not frozen; not submerged in cooler water. Must be received by laboratory within 24 hrs. of collection. 	FDA-APHA MPN Method	2-4	ADPH Bureau of Environmental Services	Mobile
Shigatoxin	See Escherichia	coli						Microbiology Prattville

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Shigella	RFLT Salmonella / Shigella LIMS SAL-SHIG	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood Stool (feces): See Enteric Fecal Screen	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times.	Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C ship on frozen packs at 2-8°C. Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B	Conventional methods	5-12	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
				UN 3373				
Smallpox	See Orthopoxviri	us					Prior consultation with Central Office - ID&O before submission (334) 206-5971	Microbiology Prattville
Sodium	See Basic Metab	olic Panel - See Compreher	nsive Metabolic Panel - See Electrolyt	e Panel - See Renal Function Panel				Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Stronglyoides	See Intestinal Par	rasites						Microbiology Prattville
Streptococcus	See Aerobic/Ana	erobic Bacterial ID						Microbiology Prattville
Sulfur Mustard metabolites	Call 334-290-6160	• Serum, 1-5 ml; • Urine, 1.5-5 ml	Serum: Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. Urine collection guidance	 Storage: Freeze at ≤ -20°C Shipment: On dry ice at ≤ -20°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	LC/MS/MS	1-3	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Syphilis Testing, (Syphilis Screen, RPR, TP-PA) An RPR will be performed on all reactive Syphilis screens. TPPA will be performed on all nonreactive RPR specimens	RFLT Syphilis LIMS SYPH_SCRN Please answer history of treatment question on requisition	Serum, 3-5 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Storage: Refrigerate at 2-8°C Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Specimens must be received by the lab within 5 days from date of collection. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Multiplex Immunoassay, RPR, T. pallidum Particle Agglutination (TPPA)	1-7	CHD, Federally funded HCP, Private physicians	STD Prattville, Mobile
Tapeworm	See Intestinal Pa	rasites	•					Microbiology Prattville
Tetramine	Call 334-290-6160	Urine, 5 ml	Urine collection guidance Freeze ASAP	 Storage: Freeze at ≤ -20°C Shipment: On dry ice at ≤ -20°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	GC/MS	1-2	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Tetranitromethane (HNPAA)	Call 334-290-6160	Urine, 5 ml	Urine collection guidance	 Storage: Freeze at ≤ -20°C Shipment: On dry ice at ≤ -20°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	LC/MS/MS	1-2	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Thyroid Panel TSH, Total T4, Free T4, T-Uptake	RFLT Chemistry Profile Thyroid LIMS CHM_THYR_P	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
TIBC/UIBC (Total Iron Binding Capacity/ Unbound Iron Binding Capacity)	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): TIBC/UIBC LIMS CHM TIBC	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°. Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Total Protein See: Hepatic Function Panel, Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Total Protein LIMS CHM PRO TO	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Toxic Elements Screen in Blood Hg, Cd, Pb	Call 334-290-6160	Whole blood, 3 ml	Whole blood: Venipuncture - EDTA tube: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Include empty collection tube from same lot.	 Storage and Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C DO NOT FREEZE Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	ICP/MS	1-3	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Toxic Elements Screen in urine. As, Be, Cd, Ba, Tl, Pb, U	Call 334-290-6160	Urine, 5 ml	Urine collection guidance Include empty collection cup from same lot.	Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	ICP/MS	1-3	All providers	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Trichinella (Trichinosis)	See Intestinal Pa	rasites						Microbiology Prattville
Trichuris	See Intestinal Pa	rasites						Microbiology Prattville
Triglycerides See: Lipid Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Triglycerides LIMS CHM TRIGLY	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. Patient should be fasting.	Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH) See: Thyroid Panel	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Thyroid Stimulating Hormone LIMS CHM_TSH	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville
Tuberculosis	See Mycobacter	ia Culture						Myco- bacteriology
Tularemia	See Francisella	tularensis						Microbiology Prattville
Typhoid	See Salmonella							Microbiology Prattville
Uric Acid	RFLT Chemistry Analyte(s): Uric Acid LIMS CHM URIC A	Serum, 3 ml	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions.	Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Chemistry Analyzer	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Urine, (Culture & Sensitivity)	RFLT Urine Culture LIMS URINE_CULT	Mid-stream, clean- catch urine, or catheterized specimen	Urine Culture Tubes, Item# U002 available upon request.	Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2- 25°C Specimens should be received by lab within 48 hrs. of collection Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods, biochemical tests - MIC sensitivity	1-7	CHD - maternity programs only, federally funded HCP	Mobile
Varicella zoster virus (Chicken Pox)	RFLT Microbiology - Reference LIMS REFMICRO	Lesion Swab	Vigorously scrape at exposed base of lesion. Avoid contamination of the specimen with blood to prevent the possibility of false negative results. Samples should be placed in viral transport medium.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed Storage and Shipment: freeze at ≤ -70°C and ship on dry ice Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	DFA & PCR Forwarded to WSLH	5-14	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Vibrio sp.	RFLT Vibrio LIMS VIBRIOSIS	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Stool (feces)	Stool collection guidance	Pure Culture (Isolate) After isolating for pure culture & 24 hrs. incubation, • Shipment: Ambient • Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs 2-8°C Clinical Specimens • Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2- 8°C • Delayed Storage & Shipment: Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods, Slide agglutination	3-14	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Chloroform, 1,2-DCE, Benzene, CCl4, Toluene, PCE, Ethylbenzene, M&P Xylene, Styrene, O-Xylene	Call 334-290-6160	Whole blood, 3 ml	Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in potassium oxalate and sodium fluoride tube: Allow alcohol at prep site to evaporate before performing venipuncture. Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times.	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C DO NOT FREEZE Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	GC/MS	1-3	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Clinical Chemistry Prattville

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Water, Drinking (Total Coliform & E. coli)	Form CL-12 kit	Drinking water, 100 ml	 Private Water Samples - Consultation with county health department environmental staff is encouraged for all private well samples. Public Water Samples - Coordination with ADEM is required Sample bottles may be obtained from state lab 334-290-3123 or local County Health Department. 	 Water samples should be submitted to the lab the same day as collected. Must be received within 30 hrs. of collection. Submit samples Monday - Thursday Delayed Storage and Shipment: Refrigerate at 1-5°C (do not freeze) if sample cannot be submitted to the lab the same day as collected. Ship on frozen cold packs at 1-5°C. 	SM9223B (Colilert - Prattville and Mobile labs) SM9221B SM9221F (Multiple Tube Fermentation - Prattville lab only)	Colilert Method 1-2 Multiple Tube Fermentati on Method 2-3	Public water samples must be submitted by certified collectors. Private individuals may submit water samples from their private wells only.	Sanitary Bacteriology Prattville & Mobile
Water, Environmental: Beach (Enterococcus)	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	Surface water, 225 ml	 Arrangements are made with lab prior to submission 251-344-6049. Samples must be iced at collection point & submitted to lab within 6 hrs. of collection. 	 Shipment: Place on ice as to not exceed 10°C in transit. Ensure samples are collected with a temperature control sample. Hand deliver samples on ice within 6 hrs. of collection 	EPA Method 1600 for Enterococcus	1-2	County & State Environmenta lists	Mobile
Water, Fluoride	Form ADPH-F-BCL-25/270	Call BCL Sanitary Bacteriology at 334- 290-3123	Sample bottles and collection guidance may be obtained from state lab 334-290-3123.	 Storage: Should not be stored. Shipment: Ambient	SM4500 F- Ion Selective Electrode Method	Call BCL/ Sanitary Bacteriology	Samples must be submitted through the ADPH Oral Health Division	Sanitary Bacteriology Prattville
Water, Phytoplankton Harmful Algal Bloom	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	Water, 1 Liter; May submit estuarine or marine water to be examined for plankton which may cause illness in humans, marine animals or birds, fish kills and discolored water.	Water collection: Preserve with acidified Lugol's solution. Live samples can be analyzed qualitatively, but not quantitatively. Phytoplankton report, water collection jars, & preservative are available at the Mobile lab location.	 Notify lab of sample shipment: (251) 344-6049 Water samples: Ambient, should not be stored. Preserved samples: Ambient, should be transported as soon as possible. Live samples: Ambient. Wrap in damp newspaper, but do not ice. Shipment of live samples should be done promptly. 	Utermöhl Method with Microscopic examination	1-4	State, county, & municipal agencies or prearranged contract	Mobile
West Nile Virus, (Human Serology)	RFLT Arboviral Testing Please specify suspected agent LIMS WNV	Serum	Venipuncture - Collect in SST or Red Top Serum Tube See 'Blood Tube Guidance' table on last page of this document for centrifugation and aliquoting instructions. Preferred: 1 ml of acute sample (≤ 13 days) and 1 ml of convalescent (14-21 days)	 Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Delayed Storage and Shipment: freeze at ≤ -20°C and ship on dry ice at ≤ -20°C. Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373 	ELISA Forward to CDC	5 - 10	All Providers	Microbiology Prattville
Whooping Cough								Microbiology Prattville
Yeast (Culture)	See Fungus Culture							Mycotics Prattville

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Yersinia pestis	RFLT Other test: Yersinia LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology 334-290-6186 Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Whole blood; Lymph node aspirate; Bronchial wash; Transtracheal aspirate; NP swab	aspirates - Follow facility protocol. • Bronchial wash and NP swab - Follow facility protocol.	Send immediately but call prior to shipment Pure Culture (Isolate) Shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814	Conventional methods, PCR	3-14	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Yersinia sp. (Culture)	RFLT Microbiology - Reference LIMS REFMICRO Please specify suspected agent	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred Clinical Specimens Blood culture bottle; Whole blood; Stool (feces)	Pure Culture (Isolate) Preferred: Submit on tryptic soy agar, or other suitable slant. Clinical Specimens Blood culture bottle: Refer to manufacturer's procedures Whole blood: Venipuncture - Collect in EDTA tube: Immediately after collection invert tube 8-10 times. Stool collection guidance	Pure Culture (Isolate) Storage and Shipment: Ambient Clinical Specimens Send immediately Shipment: Frozen cold packs at 2-8°C Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	Conventional methods, Biochemical tests	3-10	All providers	Microbiology Prattville
Zika	See Arbovirus (I	Dengue, Chikungunya, Z	čika)	•			•	Microbiology Prattville

Acronym Reference

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ADEM - Alabama Department of Environmental Management	FDA - Food and Drug Administration	NTM - Nontuberculous Mycobacteria
ADPH - Alabama Department of Public Health	g - Grams	PCR - Polymerase Chain Reaction
AFB - Acid Fast Bacteria	GC/MS - Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry	PVA - Polyvinyl Alcohol
APHA - American Public Health Association	HCP - Health Care Provider	RFLT - Requisition Form for Laboratory Testing
ASAP - As Soon As Possible	HD - Health Department	RPR - Rapid Plasma Reagin
BCL - Bureau of Clinical Laboratories - (334) 290-6130	ICP/MS - Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry	SST - Serum Separator Tube
CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	ID&O - Infectious Disease and Outbreaks - (334) 206-5971	STD - Sexually Transmitted Disease
CHD - County Health Department	LC/MS/MS - Liquid Chromatography w/Tandem Mass Spectrometry	TAT - Turn Around Time
CSF - Cerebrospinal Fluid	LIMS - Laboratory Information Management System (LabOnline)	TB - Tuberculosis
CT - Chemical Terrorism	MIC - Minimum Inhibitory Concentration	Temp - Temperature
DFA - Direct Fluorescent Antibody	mg - Milligram	PVA - Polyvinyl Alcohol
EDTA - Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid	ml - Milliliter	RFLT - Requisition Form for Laboratory Testing
ELISA - Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay	MPN - Most Probable Number	WSLH - Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene
EID - Emerging Infectious Diseases	NAAT - Nucleic Acid Amplification Test	
EPA - Environmental Protection Agency	NP - Nasopharyngeal	

Shipping Guidance Links





Blood Tube Guidance

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Gold	Red/ Gray	Clot activator and gel for serum separation.	Serum, whole clotted blood	Also called "SST" Instructions: Immediately after collection, invert tube(s) 5 times. Allow tube to sit undisturbed and upright for 30 minutes or until clotted but no longer than 60 minutes. Centrifuge within 2 hours of collection. Use a splash shield to open tube and remove serum immediately after centrifugation. Serum can be poured off or pipetted off. Place serum in transport tube, cap, and properly label. Specimens not labeled "SERUM", "SER", or "S" will not be tested but reported "Unsatisfactory".			
Red	Red	Glass - Silicone coated Plastic - Clot activator, silicone coated	Serum, whole clotted blood	Also called "Red Top Serum Tube" Instructions: Immediately after collection, invert tube(s) 5 times. Allow tube to sit undisturbed and upright for 60 minutes or until clotted but no longer than 75 minutes. Centrifuge within 2 hours of collection. Use a splash shield to open tube and remove serum immediately after centrifugation. Because there is no gel barrier, serum must be drawn off, not poured. Place serum in transport tube, cap, and properly label. Specimens not labeled "SERUM", "SER", or "S" will not be tested but reported "Unsatisfactory".			
Lavender	Lavender	Glass - Liquid K ₃ EDTA Plastic - Spray-coated K ₂ EDTA	Plasma, whole blood	Also called "EDTA Tube" Aliquoting Instructions: Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times. Centrifuge tube immediately. Use a splash shield to open tube and remove plasma immediately after centrifugation. Because there is no gel barrier, plasma must be pipetted off, not poured. Place plasma in transport tube, cap, and properly label. Specimens not labeled "PLASMA", "PLA", or "P" will not be tested but reported "Unsatisfactory".			
Gray	Gray	Potassium oxalate/sodium fluoride	Whole blood	Potassium oxalate and sodium fluoride tube.			