

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

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<b>Clinical Services - Chemistry (Chem.-Clin.)</b>											
Alanine Amino-Transferase (ALT, SGPT)	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Albumin	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Alkaline Phosphatase, Serum	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Amylase	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST, SGOT)	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Basic Metabolic Panel	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Bicarbonate (Co <sub>2</sub> )	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Bilirubin, Total Or Direct	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Protect specimen from light	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Calcium	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Chemistry Profiles	See Basic Metabolic Panel, Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Electrolyte Panel, Family Planning Panel, Hepatic Panel, Lipid Panel, Renal Panel, TB Panel, Thyroid Panel.										
Chloride	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Cholesterol	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C

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Complete Blood Count (CBC), With or Without Differential	Chem.-Clin..	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	EDTA Whole Blood (Purple top tube), 5 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture EDTA	Do NOT store – send immediately	Immediately after collection, invert purple-top tube 8-10 times. CBC with differential must be received within 24 hours of collection.	Hema. Analyzer	1–3 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Comprehensive Metabolic	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Creatinine	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at >8° if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Electrolytes (Na, K, Cl, CO <sub>2</sub> )	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Family Planning Panel	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Ferritin	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Gamma Glutamyl Transpeptidase (GGTP)	Chem.-Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Genotype, HIV	Chem.-Clin.	HIV/Viral Load Genotype Grant approved participants & CHD	Plasma, 3-5 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture - lavender top tube. Collect, centrifuge & separate within 2 hrs of collection according to manufacturer or remove plasma right after centrifugation, place in transport tube & label tube “Plasma”. Specimens not labeled “plasma” will be reported “unsatisfactory”.	Separated plasma should be stored at -20°C.	Specimens should be collected Mon.-Thurs. Those collected on Fri. must be received by lab Fri. before noon. Ship the plasma at 2-8°C for delivery within 24 hrs, or ship the tubes with the plasma at -20°C.	ViroSeq PCR	7-14 working days	Biological Substance Category B	C

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Genotype, HIV continued							Specimens must have a viral load of ≥ 2000 copies/ml.				
Glucose	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Hematocrit, Automated	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	See Complete Blood Count								C
Hemoglobin, Automated	Chem. Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	See Complete Blood Count								C
Hepatic Function Panel	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) Cholesterol	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Iron	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Patient should be fasting.	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH)	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Lead, Blood	Chem. Lead	All providers	EDTA microvette or EDTA venous whole blood, 200 µl	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture or capillary	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	If capillary, clean site thoroughly. Values outside normal range will be flagged (*) on the report. Panic values (≥45 µg/dl) will be telephoned.	Atomic Absorption	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Lipid Panel	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) Cholesterol	Chem. Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C

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Lymphocyte Subset Enumeration (CD4 /CD8– Lymphocyte Count)	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	EDTA whole blood, 5 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture, purple-top tube Immediately after collection, invert tube 8-10 times.	Room temperature. DO NOT REFRIGERATE. Ship/mail immediately	Specimens should be collected Mon-Thurs. If collected Fri, they must be received before noon Fri. Do not collect the day before a state holiday. Collect late in the day but in time to be shipped by courier the same day as collected.	Flow Cytometry	1–3 working days	Biological Substance, Category B for arrival at the lab within 24 hrs of collection	C
Phosphorus	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Potassium	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Renal Function Panel	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 m.	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Sodium	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
TB Panel	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
T4/TSH, Adult	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	See Thyroid Profile for information								C
Thyroid Profile	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Total Iron Binding Capacity/ Unbound Iron Binding Capacity (TIBC/UIBC)	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C

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Total Protein	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Triglycerides	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	None	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Uric Acid	Chem.- Clin.	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP	Serum, 3 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture*	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not shipped immediately	Values highlighted**	Chem. Analyzer	1-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Viral Load, HIV	Chem.- Clin.	HIV/Viral Load Grant approved participants & CHD	Plasma, 3-5 ml	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture, lavender top tube. Remove plasma immediately after centrifugation & place in transport tube. Label transport tube "Plasma". Specimens not labeled "Plasma" will not be tested but reported "Unsatisfactory."	Plasma should be frozen or refrigerated at 2-8°C until shipped. Refrigerated specimens are acceptable for 5 days. Plasma samples are stable for 1 day at room temp.	None	Roche PCR	5-10 working days	Biological Substance, Category B in approved cold pack shipping container with sufficient refrigeration	C
<b>Microbiology (Micro) – Conventional &amp; Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID)</b>											
Aerobic & Anaerobic Bacteria ID	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Call BCL Micro- Reference Bacteriology	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Blood - Venipuncture procedure  CSF (see physician)  Urine – Urine collection procedure  Wounds - Sterile swab	After isolating for pure culture & 24 hrs incubation, ship immediately. If unable to ship immediately, refrigerate at 2-8°C.	None	Conven- tional tube media	7-14 days	Biological Substance Category B or Infectious Substance Category A	C
Amoebae	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	See Intestinal Parasite Procedures	Intestinal Parasite (IP) Kit F308 HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	See Stool Collection Procedure/Instructions on back of CL-397	Room temp; refrigerate if a delay in shipping	Send both stool collection vials (formalin & PVA)	Formalin/ ethyl acetate concent- ration, PVA & acid fast	3-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Arthropods	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Call BCL Micro- Parasitology	IP Kit CL-397 Formalin only, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Place intact arthropod in vial containing formalin or alcohol	Send immediately	None	Micro- scopic exam	3-5 days	Ship at room temp	C

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<i>Ascaris</i>	Micro-Conventional	All providers	See Intestinal Parasite Procedures	Intestinal Parasite Kit F308 HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	See Stool Collection Procedure/Instructions on back of CL-397	Room temp; refrigerate if a delay in shipping	Send both stool collection vials (formalin & PVA)	Formalin/ ethyl acetate concentration, PVA & acid fast	3-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	Micro-Conventional & EID	All providers	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology	Form CL 421, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Blood Culture Collection  Sputum - Sputum Collection Procedure	Send immediately	Call prior to shipment	Conventional tube media and PCR	1-3 days	DANGEROUS GOODS 6.2 Infectious Substance Category A	C
Bioterrorism Sample	Micro-EID	FBI consultation required prior to submission									C
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i> , - Culture & PCR	Micro-Conventional & EID	All providers	Nasopharyngeal (NP) aspirate/ wash, 1ml; NP swab	Jones-Kendrick (JK) media (culture)  ReganLowe Media (culture)  Sterile container (PCR)  HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Inoculate JK plate using NP swab, & streak for isolation. Incubate plate for 48 hrs in moist environment at 35°C.  See NP Aspirate & Swab Collection Instructions  ReganLowe Media – Push swab into media	JK plate - incubate 48 hrs prior to shipping.  Refrigerate aspirates & swab at 2-8°C. If unable to ship within 24 hrs, swab or aspirate must remain under refrigeration during storage & shipment.	Collection of specimen must adhere to instructions for proper specimen. Call Microbiology Division for collection instructions.	Culture-Conventional tube media  PCR	Culture: 5-10 days  PCR: 2-5 working days	Overnight courier Mon. – Thurs. as a Biological Substance, Category B. Specimens collected on Fri. should be stored as indicated & shipped next business day. Cultures should be transported to arrive Mon. - Thurs.	C
Botulism (Culture; Food Poisoning Investigation)	Micro-Conventional & EID	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office - ID&O before submission	Call the Central Office - ID&O Division	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Collect specimen in original container if possible. Use sterile techniques when collecting food specimen. Place specimen in sterile container & seal so it does not leak. Place container in secondary leak-proof container.	Ship immediately (refrigerate until shipped)	Call prior to shipment	Conventional biochemicals, ELISA, PCR	7-14 days	Ship on cold packs.  Ship food separately from clinical samples.	C

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Botulism (Toxicity)	Micro- EID	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office - ID&O before submission	Serum (5 ml), whole stool (as much as possible)	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Call Microbiology for specific collection.	Refrigerate until shipped	Call Lab in advance of shipment	Mouse bioassay & PCR	1-3 days	Ship on cold packs. Ship food separately from clinical samples. Package & ship as an Infectious Substance, Category B	C
<i>Brucella</i> (Culture)	Micro- Conven- tional & EID	All providers	Call BCL Micro- Reference Bacteriology  Whole blood or serum	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Inoculate blood culture bottle (aerobic) with 10-20 ml of blood. Incubate at 35°C for up to 21 days before reporting negative. Culture isolates: Submit on chocolate agar slant tryptic soy agar or other suitable slant.	Ship cultures at room temp as soon as possible	Ship immediately and call prior to shipment	Conven- tional tube media ID	7 -10 days  PCR: 2-5 working days	DANGER- OUS GOODS 6.2 Infectious Substance Category A	C
<i>Campylobacter</i> (Culture; Food Poisoning Investigation)	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers; Food investi- gation by Central Office – ID&O	Pure culture (Rectal swabs placed in Cary- Blair transport media may be accepted for epidemiologic purposes. Call the BCL, Microbiology Division - Bacteriology Section	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Pure cultures should be plated & grown on appropriate media; rectal swabs must be placed in Cary-Blair media	Refrigerate at 2-8°C until shipped	Rectal swabs are accepted for epidemiological purposes only. Call Microbiology for assistance.	Conven- tional tube media ID	5–10 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C

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Chancroid: <i>Haemophilus ducreyi</i>	Micro-Conventional	All HCP for pure isolates only. CHD for clinical specimens.	Call BCL Micro - Bacteriology	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)  GC + FBS media, CO <sub>2</sub> bag	Use cotton swab or calcium alginate swab to collect exudates from the ulcer after removal of superficial debris & scabs. Directly plate a Chancroid plate (GC+FBS) with the collection swab by rolling the swab across 1 portion of the plate, then streak the inoculum for isolation with a sterile loop or swab.	Place inoculated plate into a CO <sub>2</sub> bag; incubate at 31° - 33° C for 48 hrs before shipping.	None	Conventional tube media ID	9-10 days	Biological substance Category B	C
Chikungunya Virus	Micro-EID	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office – ID&O before submission	Serum	RFLT (ADPH Website)	Collect whole blood in tiger-top tube. Separate serum.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on cold packs.	None	PCR, ELISA	5-7 days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i>	Micro-Conventional	See Botulism									C
Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)	Micro-EID	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office – ID&O before submission	Nasopharyngeal swab, sputum, lower respiratory aspirate, serum	RFLT (ADPH Website)	Sputum & aspirates collected in a sterile tube. Swabs should be placed in viral transport media.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C for up to 72 hrs, then freeze at -20°C. Ship on cold packs or dry ice.	Do <b>not</b> use calcium alginate swabs.	PCR	PCR: 2-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
<i>Cryptosporidium</i>	Micro-Conventional	All providers	Stool (feces), 1 teaspoonful	Intestinal Parasite Kit CL-397, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Stool Collection Procedure - Home	Do not store; send immediately	Review stool collection instructions & diagram with patient. Send stool collected in formalin vial	Kinyoun acid fast stain	3 -5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C



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Dengue virus	Micro- EID	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office – ID&O before submission	Serum	RFLT (ADPH Website)	Collect whole blood in tiger-top tube. Separate serum.	Refrigerate at 2- 8°C. Ship on cold packs.	None	PCR	2-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Diphtheria (Culture)	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Pure culture, swab (throat, nasopharynx or cutaneous lesion)	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Throat Swab Collection Procedure	Room temp	If using transport tubes with moisture ampoules, ensure swabs are immersed.	Conven- tional tube media ID. We forward to CDC for toxigen- icity testing.	3-12 working days	<u>Pure culture</u> Biological Substance, Category B  <u>Swabs</u> Category B	C
Ebola virus	Micro- EID	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office – ID&O before submission	2-4 ml whole blood collected in purple top tube with EDTA.	RFLT (ADPH Website)	Call BCL, Micro- Emerging Infectious Diseases	Ship immediately (refrigerate until shipped)	Call prior to shipment	PCR	1-3 days	DANGER- OUS GOODS 6.2 Infectious Substance Category A	C
<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>	Micro- Conven- tional	See Intestinal Parasites									C
Enteric, Culture ( <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Shigella</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> 0157:H7, only; also see individual analytes)	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Pure culture; Stool (feces), 1 teaspoonful;  Blood (10 ml)  Urine (10 ml)	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website) – 425 Kit	Stool Collection Procedure - Home  Blood - Venipuncture Procedure  Urine – Urine Collection Procedure	Do not store; send immediately	Review Specimen Collection instructions & diagram with patient	Conven- tional tube media ID	5-7 working days	<i>E. coli</i> 0157:H7 or suspected toxigenic strains (pure culture); DANGER- OUS GOODS 6.2, Infectious substance Category A. All others species - Biological substance Category B	C

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<i>Escherichia coli</i> (Confirmation)	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Pure culture isolates	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Blood Culture Collection  Stool Collection Procedure  Urine – Urine Collection Procedure	After isolating pure culture & 24 hr incubation, ship immediately. If unable to ship immediately, refrigerate at 2-8°C.	None	Conven- tional tube media ID	7-14 working days	Toxicogenic strains - DANGER- OUS GOODS, 6.2, Infectious Substance Category A. All others ship as Biological Substance, Category B	C
<i>Escherichia coli</i> , 0157:H7 Serotyping	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Pure culture, stool or stool plated on appropriate media (i.e., Sorbitol MacConkey agar plate)	CL-425 kit for feces specimen, HGR, RFLT (ADPH Website) for plated media	Stool Collection Procedure - Home	Stools should be refrigerated at 2-8°C.	Specimen must be collected within first 5 days of illness. Review Stool Collection Procedure with patient.	Slide & tube agglutina- tion	7-14 working days	DANGER- OUS GOODS 6.2, Infectious Substance Category A (pure culture, & stool culture broths); Biological Substance, Category B (stool)	C
Food Poisoning	Micro- Conven- tional	Central Office – ID&O	Call Central Office – ID&O	Call Central Office – ID&O	Collect samples in a sterile container	Refrigerate at 2-8°C	None	Conven- tional tube media ID	5-14 days	Ship on cold packs as soon as possible	C
Food (Raw Meats)	Micro- Conven- tional	Alabama Dept. of Agriculture & Industries	25g ± 1.0g portion of raw processed meat	Provided by Dept. of Agriculture	Refer to FSIS.usda.gov (USDA Food, Safety & Inspection Service) directive for collection	Keep refrigerated	None	Conven- tional tube media ID	5-7 days	Ship immediately on cold packs	C
Gastrointestinal Panel	Micro- EID	Central Office – ID&O	Stool (feces), 1 teaspoonful in Cary Blair	HGR or RFLT (ADPH Website) – 425 Kit	Stool Collection Procedure - Home	Room temperature	Indicate outbreak number on requisition	Film Array	2-5 working days	Ship as Biological substance Category B	C
Giardiasis ( <i>Giardia</i> )	Micro- Conven- tional	See Intestinal Parasites									C

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Glanders Disease ( <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> )	Micro-Conventional & EID	All providers	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology	Form CL-421, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Blood Collection Sputum - Sputum Collection Procedure Urine – Urine Collection Procedure Skin lesions	After isolating suspected organism, call BCL-Microbiology & ship immediately	Call lab prior to shipment	Conventional tube media ID & PCR	5-7 days	DANGEROUS GOODS 6.2, Infectious Substance Category A	C
Gonorrhea (GC), Culture, Confirmation	Micro-Conventional	All providers	Pure culture	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Blood collection CSF (see physician) Genital discharge	After isolating for pure culture & 24 hrs incubation, ship immediately	None	Biochemical tests (conventional tube media ID)	4-7 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
<i>Haemophilus</i> , Culture & Serotyping	Micro-Conventional & EID	All providers	Pure culture	Form CL-421, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Blood Collection CSF (see physician) Bronchoalveolar lavage Conjunctival swab	After isolating for pure culture & 24 hrs incubation, ship immediately. If unable to ship immediately, refrigerate at 2-8°C.	None	PCR, biochemical tests	4-6 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
<i>Haemophilus ducreyi</i>	Micro-Conventional	See Chancroid									C
Hookworm	Micro-Conventional	See Intestinal Parasites									C
Influenza, Bacterial	Micro-Conventional	See <i>Haemophilus</i> culture									C
Influenza, Viral (PCR)	Micro-EID	All providers	Upper and Lower Respiratory Specimens i.e. nasal swabs NO calcium alginate swabs	Flu kit & HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website) Email FluTestKit@adph.state.al.us	See <a href="http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcl/influenza-specimens.html">http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcl/influenza-specimens.html</a> Influenza Specimens for detailed instructions (Guidance for Laboratory Testing for Influenza Viruses)	Refrigerate at 2-8°C	If Avian Influenza suspected, contact Central Office – ID&O or the Central State Health Lab for instructions.	PCR	2 -5 working days	Ship on cold packs ASAP except on Fri. & holidays See <a href="http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcl/influenza-specimens.html">http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcl/influenza-specimens.html</a> Influenza specimens for detailed instructions.	C

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Intestinal Parasites	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Stool (feces), 1 teaspoonful, or adult worm	IP Kit F308 HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Stool Collection Procedure – Home; Place adult worm in bottle containing formalin	Do not store, send immediately	Review Specimen Collection instructions & diagram with patient. Over 1 week, collect 3 specimens. Send both vials.	Formalin/ ethyl acetate concentra- tion, PVA & acid fast	3–5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Legionnaires, Antibody	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Paired sera, acute & conva- lescent. 2 ml each	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture, red-top tube, remove serum	Freeze acute serum until convalescent specimen is collected.	Acute specimen drawn within 7 days of onset & convalescent specimen drawn 3-6 weeks after onset. Submit both specimens simultaneously.	Forward to CDC for testing	2-3 weeks	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Legionnaires, Culture	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Pure culture submitted on Buffered Charcoal Yeast Extract with Cystine agar or clinical specimens (i.e., pleural fluid, trans-tracheal aspirates, bronchial washings, sputum, or lung tissue).	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Sputum - Sputum Collection Procedure  Bronchoalveolar lavage	Specimens should be refrigerated at 2–8°C	Certain types of specimens may be accepted only for examination at the CDC (i.e. paraffin embedded tissue.) No formalized specimens are accepted. Call BCL Micro- Bacteriology for assistance.	Conven- tional tube media ID; DFA.	10–16 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Leptospirosis, Antibody	Micro- Conven- tional	Call BCL Micro- Bacteriology	Call BCL Micro- Bacteriology	Call BCL Micro- Bacteriology	Call BCL Micro- Bacteriology	Call BCL Micro- Bacteriology	Call BCL Micro- Bacteriology	Forward to CDC for testing	Call BCL Micro- Bacteriol- ogy	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Listeriosis, ( <i>Listeria</i> ) Culture	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers; ( <i>Listeria</i> culturing offered to CHD & HD environmen- talists)	Pure culture	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Blood - Venipuncture procedure  CSF (see physician)  Stool - Process ASAP or refrigerate up to 48 hrs	After isolating for pure culture & 24 hrs incubation, ship immediately. If unable to ship, refrigerate at 2–8°C.	None	Conven- tional tube media ID	5–7 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C

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Lyme Disease	Micro-EID	All providers	Serum	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH website)	Collect blood in tiger-top tube. Separate serum.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C for up to 72 hrs, then freeze at -20°C. Ship on cold packs or dry ice.	None	ELISA	2-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Malaria	Micro-Conventional & EID	All providers	Blood smears, thick & thin, 3-4 minimum (microscopy)  Whole blood in EDTA (PCR)	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture or capillary draw. Optimum collection time is halfway between chills. If venipuncture used, use blood remaining in the needle to prepare slides. EDTA blood is acceptable. Citrated, oxalated, or heparinized blood may not adhere to slides & may interfere with staining.	Prepared smears are stored at room temp  EDTA Blood - Refrigerated	Smears should be made by someone trained in making blood smears. Both thick & thin smears <u>must</u> be included. Allow to air dry thoroughly before packaging. Send 1 pair stained & 1 pair unstained	Microscopy & PCR	1-2 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Measles, German	Micro-Conventional	See Rubella									
Measles, Red	Micro-Conventional	See Rubeola									
Measles Virus Measles, Red Rubeola	Micro-Conventional	CHD only. Contact the Immunization Div. of Health Dept.	Nasopharyngeal or throat swab Urine	Contact Immunization Div for correct form to send	Viral transport media Urine: Collect 10-50 mls in sterile container. Do not add virus transport medium	4°C if shipping within 24 hours. Ship on cold packs. Urine: If shipping is delayed freeze at -70°C. Ship frozen	Specimen should be collected 8-21 days past onset of rash. List rash onset date.	PCR Genotyping	2-4 working days 10 days	Biological Substance, Category B	WSLH/ CDC
Measles Serology	Micro-Conventional	CHD only. Contact the Immunization Div. of Health Dept.	Whole clotted blood or serum, 3-5 ml	Contact Immunization Div for correct form to send	Venipuncture, red-top tube	Refrigerate at 4°C. Do not freeze. Ship on cold packs	Serum samples WILL NOT be accepted w/out a specimen type for Measles PCR	Enzyme Immunoassay (EIA)	3 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	WSLH/ CDC
Rubella Virus German Measles	Micro-Conventional	CHD only. Contact the Immunization Div. of Health Dept.	Nasopharyngeal or throat swab	Contact Immunization Div for correct form to send	Viral transport media	Refrigerate at 4°C if shipping within 24 hours. Ship on cold packs	Specimen should be collected 8- 21 days past onset of rash. List rash onset date.	PCR Genotyping	2 working days 10 days	Biological Substance, Category B	WSLH/ CDC

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Meningitis, Meningococcal (Culture & Serotyping) <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	Micro- Conven- tional & EID	All providers	Pure culture	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Blood  CSF  Bronchoalveolar lavage  Nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs	Room temp	After 24 hrs incubation at 35°C., ship immediately.	PCR & biochemical tests	4-6 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
<i>Murine Typhus</i> , Antibody	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Paired sera, acute & convalescent, 2 ml each	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture, red-top tube, remove serum	Freeze acute serum until convalescent specimen is collected.	Acute specimen should be drawn within 7 days of onset & convalescent specimen 3-6 weeks after onset. Submit both specimens simultaneously.	IFA	2-3 weeks	Biological Substance, Category B	CDC
Norovirus	Micro- EID	Contact local CHD. Epidemi- ological investigation only	Whole unpreserved feces, a minimum of 0.5 grams or 0.5 ml if liquid	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website) Screw-cap container <b>WITHOUT</b> preservative	See Stool Collection Procedure	Refrigerate at 2-8°C	Refrigerate specimen; ship on frozen cold packs & complete the requisition form.	PCR	2-5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B on frozen cold packs	C
Paratyphoid Culture & Serotyping	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Pure culture, Stool (feces), 1 teaspoonful; Blood; Urine 10 ml of each	Form CL-425 kit, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Stool – Home, Venipuncture or Urine Collection Procedure.	Do not store; send immediately	Review Specimen Collection instructions & diagram with patient	Conventio- nal tube media ID, slide & tube agglutina- tion	3-10 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Pertussis, Culture (Whooping Cough)	Micro- Conven- tional	<i>See Bordetella pertussis</i>									C
Pinworm	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Swube™ paddle touched to the perianal region	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website) Pinworm Kit	Stool Collection Procedure - Home for pinworms. Collection times: 9:00 pm -12:00 midnight. This is critical for obtaining a proper specimen.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not sent same day as collection	Review Specimen Collection instructions & diagram with patient.	Micro- scopy	1-2 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Protozoa	Micro- Conven- tional	<i>See Intestinal Parasites</i>									C

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Q-Fever (Coxiella burnetii)	Micro- EID	All providers	Whole blood (EDTA) or serum (1 ml)	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture, red-top tube, remove serum  Purple-top (EDTA) tube for whole blood.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C if not sent same day as collection	None	PCR	2-3 days	Biological Substance, Category B; Ship with cold packs	C
Rabies	Micro- Conven- tional & Mobile Lab	All providers & state citizens	Dead, whole mammal, head/brain of mammal suspected of rabies, whose skull is intact.  No animals more than 15 lbs or longer than 19 in will be accepted.	Form BCL- 264	Do not club or shoot animal in the head. Decapitate large animals (more than 15 lbs or longer than 19 in). Do not bring in specimens that are decomposed or infested with maggots.  Do not send specimen in formalin.  Double-bagged dead animal or head	Place specimen under refrigeration. However, freeze if necessary until shipment can occur.	No live animals accepted! Any large animals (bovines, equine, etc.) or animals needing multiple testing should be sent to a veterinary diagnostic lab (Auburn, Boaz, or JB Taylor in Elba) to have brain removed.	DFA	1-2 days	Ship in leak- proof container to Central Lab or Mobile Lab packed in enough ice or ice packs to last 24 hrs. Label outside package "Rabies Specimen".	M, C
Respiratory Panel	Micro- EID	Central Office – ID&O	Nasopharyngeal swab in viral transport media (VTM)	Flu kit & HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website) Email FluTestKit@ adph.state.al. us	See <a href="http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcl/influenza-specimens.html">http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcl/influenza-specimens.html</a> Influenza Specimens for detailed instructions (Guidance for Laboratory Testing for Influenza Viruses)	Refrigerate at 2-8°C	If Avian Influenza suspected, contact Central Office-ID&O or the Central State Health Lab for instructions.	Film Array	2 -5 working days	Ship on cold packs as Biological Substance, Category B	C
Rickettsia, Antibody	Micro- Conven- tional	All Providers	Paired sera, acute & conva- lescent. 2 ml each	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture, red-top tube, remove serum	Freeze acute serum until convalescent specimen is collected.	Acute specimen drawn within 7 days of onset & convalescent specimen drawn 3-6 weeks after onset. Submit both simultaneously.	Forward to CDC for testing	2-3 weeks	Biological Substance, Category B	CDC
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Antibody	Micro- Conven- tional	All Providers	Paired sera, acute & conva- lescent. 2 ml each	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture, red-top tube, remove the serum.	Freeze acute serum until convalescent specimen is collected.	Acute specimen drawn within 7 days of onset & convalescent specimen drawn 3-6 weeks after onset. Submit both simultaneously.	Forward to CDC for testing	2-3 weeks	Biological Substance, Category B	CDC

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Roundworm	Micro-Conventional	See Intestinal Parasites									C	
<i>Salmonella</i> , Culture	Micro-Conventional	See Enteric Culture									C	
<i>Salmonella</i> , Serotyping	Micro-Conventional	See Enteric Culture									C	
Scabies	Micro-Conventional	All providers	Skin scraping	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Use mineral oil on blade for scraping skin	Place on a slide & seal cover slip with clear fingernail polish. Put in a Petri dish or similar container.	Must be delivered to the lab in 24 hrs or less	Microscopy	1-3 days	Biological Substance, Category B	C	
<i>Shigella</i> , Culture	Micro-Conventional	See Enteric Culture									C	
<i>Shigella</i> , Serotyping	Micro-Conventional	See Enteric Culture									C	
Smallpox	Micro-EID	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office – ID&O before submission	Lesion material	RFLT	Call BCL Micro-Emerging Infectious Diseases	Call BCL Micro-Emerging Infectious Diseases	Call BCL Micro-Emerging Infectious Diseases prior to shipment.	PCR	1-3 days	DANGEROUS GOODS 6.2, Infectious Substance Category A	CDC	
<i>Strongyloides</i>	Micro-Conventional	See Intestinal Parasites									C	
Tapeworm	Micro-Conventional	See Intestinal Parasites									C	
Trichinosis	Micro-Conventional	All providers	Call BCL Micro-Parasitology									C
<i>Trichuris</i>	Micro-Conventional	See Intestinal Parasites									C	
Tularemia ( <i>Francisella tularensis</i> )	Micro-Conventional & EID	All providers	Call BCL Micro-Reference Bacteriology	Universal Form, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Chocolate, Whole Blood	Send immediately	Call prior to shipment	Conventional tube media & PCR	7-14 days	DANGEROUS GOODS 6.2, Infectious Substance Category A	C	



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Typhoid	Micro- Conven- tional	See <i>Salmonella</i> Culture									C
Varicella zoster virus (Chicken Pox)	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office – ID&O before submission	Cellular material collected from the base of a fresh lesion using Dacron® Swab	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	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 & transported on wet ice as soon as possible. If storage is necessary, freeze at ≤ -70°C.	Ship frozen with dry ice or cold packs in leak- proof container to Montgomery Central Lab	PCR	1–3 working days	Biological Substance Category B	WSLH
<i>Vibrio</i> <i>cholerae</i> , Serotyping	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Pure culture	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Stool - Stool Collection Procedure	After isolating for pure culture & 24 hrs incubation, ship immediately. If unable to ship soon, refrigerate at 2-8°C.	None	Slide agglutina- tion	3–8 working days	Biological Substance Category B	C
<i>Vibrio</i> , Food- Borne Outbreak	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers: Epidemi- ological investigation	Call Central Office – ID&O	Call Central Office – ID&O	Collect samples in a sterile container.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C	None	Conven- tional tube media, isolation & ID	5-14 days	Ship on cold packs as soon as possible	C
West Nile Virus, Human Serology	Micro- EID	All Providers	Serum	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Collect blood in red- topped or serum- separator tube; submit at least 1 cc of acute (≤ 13 days) & convale- scent (14–21 days).	Refrigerate at 2-8°C or freeze at -20°C immediately after collection.	Do NOT use preservatives.	ELISA	5 – 10 working days	Ship frozen with dry ice or cold packs in leak-proof	C
Whooping Cough	Micro- Conven- tional	See <i>Bordetella pertussis</i>									C
<i>Yersinia</i> , Culture	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers	Pure culture	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Stool - see Stool Collection Procedure  Blood - see Blood Collection Procedure  Lymph nodes	Pure cultures should be held at room temp until shipped.	Incubate blood cultures at both 28°C & 35°C.	Conven- tional tube media, biochemical tests.	3–10 working days	Biological Substance Category B	C
<i>Yersinia</i> , Culture, Food Related	Micro- Conven- tional	All providers- Epidemi- ological investigation	Call Central Office – ID&O	Call Central Office – ID&O	Call Central Office- ID&O	Collect samples in a sterile container.	Refrigerate at 2- 8°C.	Conven- tional tube media, isolation & ID	5-14 days	Ship on cold packs as soon as possible	C
<i>Yersinia</i> <i>enterocolitica</i>	Micro- Conven- tional	Specific state agencies through special contract									C

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<i>Yersinia pestis</i>	Micro- Conven- tional & EID	All providers	Call BCL Micro- Reference Bacteriology	Form CL 421, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Sputum SBA	Send immediately	Call prior to shipment	Conven- tional tube media, PCR	7-14 days	DANGER- OUS GOODS 6.2, Infectious Substance Category A	C
Zika Virus	Micro- EID	All providers: requires prior consultation with Central Office – ID&O before submission	Serum & urine	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Collect whole blood in tiger-top tube. Separate serum.  Collect urine in sterile container. Wrap rim in parafilm.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C. Ship on cold packs.	Serum can be tested on its own, urine must be paired with a serum specimen.	PCR, ELISA	5-7 days	Biological Substance Category B	C
<b>Microbiology - Mycology</b>											
Aspergillus, Culture	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus Culture									C
Blastomyces, Culture	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus Culture									C
Candida, Culture	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus Culture									C
Coccidioides, Culture	Micro- Mycology	All providers	<u>Clinical</u> Respiratory - 5-10 ml; Tissue - 1g; Body fluids - 10-15 ml; CSF - 2-3 ml, (optimal 10 ml) (minimum recommended volume) <i>Or</i> <u>Pure culture</u>	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	See LRM Appendix Fungal Instructions	<u>Clinical specimen:</u> Refrigerate at 2–8°C <i>except</i> blood, bone marrow, CSF, gastric fluid (keep at ambient temp). Add 100 mg sodium carbonate to gastric within 1 hr. <u>Pure culture:</u> Ambient temp	Sterile 50 ml specimen tube available from BCL. Mailers not provided to private HCP.	Micro- scopy, Culture Morpho- logy, Accuprobe	1 - 4 weeks	<u>Isolates:</u> Ship as Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814  <u>Clinical specimen:</u> Biological Substance Category B UN 3373	C
Cryptococcus, Culture	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus, Culture									C
Dermatophytes, Culture	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus, Culture									C

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Fungus, Culture	Micro- Mycology	All providers	<u>Clinical</u> Respiratory - 5-10 ml; Tissue - 1g; Body fluids - 10-15 ml; CSF - 2-3 ml (optimal 10 ml) (minimum recommended volume) Or <u>Pure culture</u>	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	See LRM Appendix Fungal Instructions	<u>Clinical specimen:</u> Do not refrigerate any specimen except sputum, BAL, BW, Urine, and Cath tips. Do not add saline Add 100 mg sodium carbonate to gastric within 1 hr. <u>Pure culture:</u> Ambient temp	Sterile 50 ml specimen tube available from BCL. Mailers provided to private HCP.	Micro- scopy morpho- logy  Bio- chemicals  Accuprobe	1 day – 4 weeks	<u>Clinical specimen &amp; all isolates</u> Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373	C
Histoplasmosis, Culture	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus Culture									C
Molds	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus Culture									C
Mycology, Culture	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus Culture									C
Ringworm	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus Culture									C
Yeast, Culture	Micro- Mycology	See Fungus Culture						<u>Maldi-Tof</u>  Morpho- logy, germ tube, bio- chemicals	See Fungus Culture	C	
<b>Microbiology - TB</b>											
Mycobacteria, Culture	Micro- TB	All providers	<u>Clinical</u> Respiratory - 5-10 ml; Tissue - 1g; Body fluids - 10-15 ml; CSF - 1-3 ml (optimal 10 ml) (minimum recommended volume) <i>Swabs not recommended</i> Or <u>Pure culture</u>	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	See LRM Appendix AFB collection procedure	<u>Clinical specimen:</u> Refrigerate at 2–8°C <i>except</i> blood, bone marrow, CSF, gastric fluid (keep at ambient temp). Add 100 mg sodium carbonate to gastric within 1 hr.  <u>Pure culture:</u> Ambient temp	Sterile 50 ml specimen tube available from BCL. Mailers provided to private HCP.	Micro- scopy, morpho- logy, Accuprobe, PCR, Maldi-Tof, 16s sequencing	1 day to 6 weeks	<u>Clinical specimens &amp; NTM cultures:</u> Biological Substance, Category B UN 3373  <u>TB cultures.</u> Infectious Substance, Category A UN 2814	C

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Mycobacteria, Drug Susceptibility (DST) (See Mycobacteria, culture)	Micro- TB	See Mycobacteria Culture	DST of <i>M.tuber- culosis</i> performed routinely-see criteria - Contact TB section	See Mycobacteria Culture				BD Bactec 960, agar proportion	Target: 14-28 days from culture	See Mycobacteria Culture	C
Mycobacteria, Smear	Micro- TB	See Mycobacteria Culture					Fluorescent Microscopy	1 working day			C
Nocardia, Culture	Micro- TB	All providers	Clinical specimen or pure culture	HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	See LRM Appendix AFB Collection Procedure	<u>Clinical specimen:</u> Refrigerate at 2–8°C <i>except</i> blood, bone marrow, CSF, gastric fluid (keep at ambient temp). Add buffer to gastric when collected. <u>Pure culture:</u> Ambient temp	Sterile 50 ml specimen tube available from BCL. Mailers not provided to private HCP.	Micro- scopy, morpho- logy, <u>Maldi</u> -Tof, 16s sequencing	2 days – 6 weeks	<u>Clinical specimen/ Isolate:</u> Biological Substance, Category B UN3373	C
Tuberculosis	Micro- TB	See Mycobacteria									C
<b>Newborn Screening (NBS)</b>											
3- Methylcrotonyl- CoA Carboxylase Deficiency (3MCC)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Argininosuccinic Acidemia (ASA)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Beta- Ketothiolase Deficiency (BKT)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C

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Biotinidase Deficiency (BIOT)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Carnitine Uptake Defect (CUD)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Citrullinemia (CIT)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Classical Galactosemia (GALT)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Congenital Hypothyroidism (CH)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Cystic Fibrosis (CF)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C

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Glutaric Acidemia Type I (GA1)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Hb S/Beta-Thalassemia (HBSA)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Hb S/C Disease (HbSC)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Homocystinuria (HCY)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Hydroxymethylglutaric Aciduria or HMG-CoA Lyase Deficiency or 3-OH 3-CH3 Glutaric Aciduria (HMG)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Isovaleric Acidemia (IVA)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C

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Long-Chain 3- OH Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (LCHAD)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Medium-Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (MCAD)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Methylmalonic Acidemia CblA and CblB Forms (CBLAB)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Methylmalonic Acidemia Due to Mutase Deficiency (MUT)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Multiple Carboxylase Deficiency (MCD)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Phenylketonuria (PKU)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C

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Propionic Acidemia (PROP)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Severe Combined Immuno- deficiency (SCID) <b>COMING SOON!</b>	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	<b>COMING SOON!</b>								C
Sickle Cell Anemia (HBSS)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Trifunctional Protein Deficiency (TFP)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Tyrosinemia Type I (TYR1)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
Very Long- Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (VLCAD)	NBS	All infants born in Alabama (Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices)	Blood spots on filter paper	Newborn Screening collection cards	Heelstick collected on filter paper cards	Ambient temp	Ship within 24 hrs of collection	MSMS, fluorometric PCR, HPLC, colorimetric	2-10 days	U.S. Postal Service in envelope provided with collection card	C
<b>Sanitary Bacteriology</b>											
Dairy Products	Sanitary Bacti.	State & CHD environment- alists	Call BCL - Sanitary Bacteriology								C
Milk	Sanitary Bacti.	See Dairy Products									C



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Water, Drinking	Sanitary Bacti.	Private individuals may submit water samples from their private wells only. Public water samples must be submitted by certified collectors	Drinking water, 100 ml. Sample bottles may be obtained from state lab or local CHD	Form CL-12 kit	Water Collection	Water samples should NOT be stored.	Notify lab before submitting sample (sample must be submitted on date agreed upon by Lab). \$5 fee for private samples. Fee stamp available at local CHD or State Lab. No charge for samples submitted through & results returned to CHD. Public water systems must have PWSID #.	Multiple Tube Fermentation	48-72 hrs	Identify bottle/specimen with supplied ID card. Complete forms & return with the bottle.	C
Water, Drinking, Total Coliform & <i>E. coli</i>	Sanitary Bacti. & Mobile	Private individuals may submit water samples from their private wells only. Public water samples must be submitted by certified collectors.	Drinking water, 100 ml. Sample bottles may be obtained from state lab or local CHD.	Form CL-12 kit	Water Collection	Water samples should NOT be stored.	Water samples must be received within 30 hrs of collection. Submit samples Mon - Thurs. \$5 fee for private samples. Fee stamp can be obtained from local CHD or State lab. No charge for samples submitted through & results returned to CHD. Public Water Systems must have a PWSID #.	MMO-MUG	24-48 hrs	Identify bottle/s sample with supplied ID label. Complete forms & return with the bottle.	C, M
Water, Fluoride	Sanitary Bacti.	CHD & HD environmentalists	Call Montgomery Lab	Form ADPH-F- BCL-25/270	Water Collection	Water samples should not be stored	None	Ion specific	N/A	ID bottle/sample with supplied ID card. Complete forms & return with bottle.	C

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<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)</b>											
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> (CT) &/or <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC) <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> (TV)	STD Mont- gomery & Mobile	CHD & Publicly Funded HCP  Private physicians	Male urethral swab, endo- cervical swab, urine specimen, & vaginal swab	Web Portal order Serology CT-GC-TV or form CL- 79, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Urine & Swab Collection for CT &/or GC using HOLOGIC APTIMA.	Follow instructions for Urine & Swab Collection for CT &/or GC using HOLOGIC APTIMA, Specimen Transport & Storage.	First void of urine for the day	Amplified DNA	1-7 working days	See instructions	C, M
HIV 1 / 2+O Ag/AB Screening	STD	CHD Federally- funded HCP Private physicians	Serum/ plasma or whole clotted blood, 3-5 mls	Web Portal Serology HIV-EIA or CL-109, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Venipuncture, red-top tube; 3.5 ml serum separation tube preferred. Specimen must be received in lab within 7 days of collection.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C for <7 days. Do not exceed 48 hours at ambient temperature including shipping.	None	Enzyme Immuno- assay	1 -5 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
HIV 1/2 Differentiation (Geenius)	STD	CHD Federally- funded HCP Private physicians	Serum/ plasma or whole clotted blood, 3- 5 ml	Geenius assay is only performed on specimens with a reactive screening result	Venipuncture, red-top tube; 3.5ml serum separation tube preferred	Refrigerate at 2-8°C for <7 days. Do not exceed 48 hours at ambient temperature including shipping	Geenius assay is only performed on specimens with a reactive screening result	Geenius assay	1-5 Working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
Syphilis Testing, (VDRL-EIA, RPR, TP- PA)	STD Mont- gomery & Mobile	CHD Federally- funded HCP Private physicians	Whole clotted blood	Web Portal Serology Syphilis EIA or Form CL-76, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Whole blood by venipuncture, 3.5 ml serum separation tube. Do not centrifuge. Do not separate serum from clot. Specimen must be received in lab within 5 days of collection.	Refrigerate at 2-8°C.	An RPR will be performed on all reactive VDRL-EIA screens	EIA, RPR <i>T.</i> <i>pallidum</i> particle agglutina- tion	1-7 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C, M
RPR	STD	See Syphilis Testing									C

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HIV 1 Confirmation NAAT	STD	CHD & publicly funded HCP	2 ml of serum	NAAT testing will only be performed on specimens with a reactive screen and non-reactive or indeter- minate Geenius	Venipuncture, red-top tube; serum separation tube	Refrigerate at 2–8°C.	NAAT testing will only be performed on specimens with a reactive screen and non-reactive or indeterminate Geenius	NAAT DNA Amplifica- tion test	5-10 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	C
OraSure HIV-1 Western Blot	STD	ASO, AIDS Service Organization s and CBO (Community Based Organiza- tions in high risk areas.	Oral Fluid	Web Portal, Serology – OraSure Western Blot, CL-109, or HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Specimen must be collected with OraSure HIV-1 Oral Specimen Collection Device	4-37 °C up to 21 days	Patient should have a previous positive result for HIV by an approved screening test	Western Blot	1-14 days	Biological Substance Category B	C
<b>Mobile Laboratory</b>											
Bay Waters- Fecal Coliform	Mobile	ADPH Bureau of Environmental Services	225 ml sterile bottle	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	Water Collection	Iced & held below 10°C, but not frozen	None	Modified A-1 MPN	1-2 days	Iced; must be tested within 30 hrs of collection	M
Shellfish- Fecal Coliform <i>E. coli</i> Aerobic Plate Count	Mobile	ADPH Bureau of Environmental Services	12 animals in loosely closed, puncture-proof plastic bags	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	200 g of meat & liquid after shucking; Minimum 12 animals	Iced & held below 10°C, but not frozen; not submerged in cooler water	None	APHA	1-7 days	Iced; must be tested within 24 hrs of collection	M
Crab meat Fecal Coliform <i>E. coli</i> Aerobic Plate Count	Mobile	ADPH Bureau of Environmental Services	150 gm sample in puncture proof containers	Test request/ report form from Mobile lab	Meat from various crab shop stations including cooked crab, lump meat, jumbo lump, claw meat, & claws	Iced & held below 10°C, but not frozen; not submerged in cooler water	None	APHA	1-7 days	Iced; must be tested within 24 hrs of collection	M
Urine, Culture Sensitivity	Mobile	CHD, maternity programs only, federally funded HCP	Mid-stream, clean-catch urine, or catherized specimen	Form CL– 24, HGR, or RFLT (ADPH Website)	Urine Collection	Refrigerate urine transport tube until shipped	Specimens should be received by lab within 48 hrs of collection	Conven- tional media, biochemical tests – MIC sensitivity	1–7 working days	Biological Substance, Category B	M

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Water, Environmental, Surface, Fecal Coliform, <i>E.coli</i> & <i>Enterococcus</i>	Mobile	County & state environmen- talists	Surface water, 225 ml	Test request/ report form from Mobile Lab	Water Collection	Samples must be iced & collected with a temperature control sample	Arrangements are made with lab prior to submission. Samples must be iced at collection point & submitted to lab within 6 hrs of collection. May submit surface water samples when a public health hazard is suspected.	mTEC membrane filtration for <i>E.coli</i> & fecal coliform. EPA method 1600 for <i>Entero- coccus</i> APHA- MPN Fecal Coliform & <i>E. coli</i> .	30 hrs	Hand deliver samples on ice within 6 hrs of collection	M
Water, Phytoplankton, Harmful Algal Bloom	Mobile	State, county, & municipal agencies or prearranged contract to universities	Water, approxi- mately 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	Phyto- plankton report,/ water collection jars & preservative are available	Water Collection with acidified Lugol's preservative. Live samples can be analyzed qualitatively, but not quantitatively.	Water samples should not be stored. Preserved samples should be transported as soon as possible. Live samples are wrapped in damp newspaper, but not iced. Shipment of live samples should be done promptly.	Notify lab that samples are on the way. Live samples must be kept cool, not cold (use newspaper to insulate the bottles). Bring to lab as soon as possible.	Utermohl type settling with. micro- scopic examina- tion	3-4 days	Submit as soon as possible	M

\* Venipuncture serum-separator tube: remove serum immediately after centrifugation & place in serum transport tube.

\*\* Values outside the normal range will be highlighted on the report. Panic values will be called to designated contact.

**Acronyms**

CHD - County Health Department	FA - Fluorescent Antibody	HPLC - High Pressure Liquid Chromatography	PPT - Plasma Preparatory Tube
CSF - Cerebrospinal Fluid	g - Grams	IFA - Indirect Fluorescent Antibody	RFLT – Requisition Form for Laboratory Testing
CT - Chemical Terrorism	HD - Health Department	PCR - Polymerase Chain Reaction	RIA - Radioimmunoassay
DFA - Direct Fluorescent Antibody	HGR – Horizon Generated Request	PFGE - Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis	temp – Temperature