# NCSLPH Revised Packaging & Shipping Guidance for DOA Medical Courier Effective September 25, 2025

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REFRIGERATED

ROOM TEMP

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FROZEN

#### **BAGGED SPECIMENS**

Specimen vials are packaged in color coded specimen bags.



Red:

HIV/HCV Serology



Green:

**Syphilis Serology** 



Yellow: Hepatitis Serology



Orange:

Chlamydia/ Gonorrhea NAAT



Blue: Rubella, Special Serology



Clear:
Blood Lead\*
Bordetella\*
COVID-19\*
Gonorrhea (GC)

Culture\*
Viral Culture\*

**BOLD = COLD** 

## **CANNED SPECIMENS**

Fragile specimens must be shipped in crush proof containers (cans).

Enteric Clinical\*

Leaionella Clinical

Microbiology Reference Cultures\*

**Mycology Clinical** 

Mycobacteriology Sputum\*

Parasitology\*

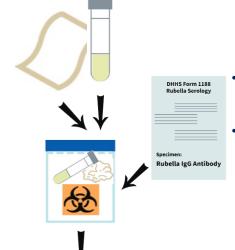
**Environmental Bacteriological Samples** 

**BOLD = COLD** 

## **BOXED SPECIMENS**

Environmental boxes- no change in packaging Rabies- continue to ship using MSC state courier

\* Supplies available through NCSLPH



- Place each specimen and absorbent material in its own color-coded bag.
- Fold and slide completed requisition into pouch on bag.

Place same temperature specimens into the large courier bag.

- Add the
  appropriate temperature label
- to the large courier bag.

  Store courier bags at appropriate temperature (frozen, cold or room temp) until courier pick up.
- Pay careful attention to the scheduled pickup time.
- Medical courier will pick up specimens from LHD contact person upon arrival.
- All specimens must be ready at assigned pick up time.

## **Shipping Questions:**

Refer to NCSLPH SCOPE Appendix A for shipping requirements.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Use current NCSLPH submission forms: https://slph.dph.ncdhhs.gov/forms.asp

Specimens must be stored at appropriate temperature until courier arrives. Specimens must be ready at scheduled pick-up time and hand delivered to courier representative.

Rabies will continue to be sent through the MSC state courier.

#### SCAN OR CODE FOR TUTORIAL



SCAN QR CODE FOR FAQ



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