



<b>SALMONELLA</b>	
<b>Laboratory Submission Information Sheet</b>	
Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC:	Yes: Salmonellosis is a Notifiable Condition. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: <b>1-800-821-5821</b> (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen:	Yes: suspect Salmonella specimens or clinical isolates must be submitted to the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL)
Required Information:	Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information. Specimen must be labeled with patient name. <b>IMPORTANT: ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELED WITH PATIENT NAME AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN HETL REQUISITION</b> Requisition form: <a href="#">PDF</a>
Specimen Requirements:	<b>Stool:</b> Collect feces in a leak-proof container soon after onset of illness and preferably before start of treatment. <b>Isolates:</b> Clinical isolates must be submitted to HETL for confirmation and serotyping. Isolates should be sent in appropriate biological growth media, preferably slant or broth.
Collection Instructions:	Stool can be submitted in Cary Blair liquid media in a leak-proof container.
Specimen Handling and Transport:	Specimens in Cary-Blair media should arrive at the laboratory within 48 hours of collection. Stools not in Cary Blair media must be transported to lab within 2 hours. Isolates should be sent on slants on standard bacterial growth media. <a href="#">More information on shipping</a>
Turn Around Time:	Clinical isolates have a 18-36 hour turn-around-time. Samples requiring culture and isolation may extend TAT by 72 hours.
Unacceptable Conditions:	Avoid contamination with urine, soap etc. Do not refrigerate. Raw stools not received within 2 hours of collection
Results Include:	Report may include species isolation, identification and serotyping.
Results:	All results will be reported only to <b>submitter</b> as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee:	Salmonella is a notifiable condition which requires laboratory submission and fee is waived
Applicable CPT Codes:	n/a, no charge
MeCDC Epidemiologists only	TAT for PFGE Salmonella is 5-6 business days
Additional Information:	For Salmonella specific questions contact Maine HETL <b>Bacteriology at 207-287-1704</b>