

Lab Specimens in Community-based Services

Laboratory specimens

- Use [routine practices](#) and wear appropriate PPE when collecting and handling laboratory specimens.
- Collect and process specimens in a manner that prevents transmission of microorganisms.
- Collect specimens in appropriate containers, label, and close tightly in biomedical waste bags prior to placing in transport container.
- Handle specimens with care to prevent damage, leakage or spillage.
- Store specimens in a non-food fridge unless stored in the client's home.
- Collect specimen as close to the time of transport as possible.
- Check with local laboratory for specimen handling and transporting as they may vary from lab to lab.

AHS staff should refer to [Transportation of Dangerous Goods](#) for more detailed information. Check with your manager to determine if you are required to complete the learning module on Transportation of Dangerous Goods Class 6.2 Infectious Substances.



Non-AHS staff, please contact your manager.