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.