



# The Kentucky Laboratory Sentinel!

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## It's Haunting....

With the onset of rapid methods to test for the presence of *Campylobacter jejuni* and *Campylobacter coli* in cultures, the need for proper collection and transport is more vital than ever. In order for the state laboratory to identify *Campylobacter* an isolate must be recovered from the clinical sample.

Since *Campylobacter* species are very fastidious and sometimes difficult to isolate, strict measures are needed to retain viability of the organism. If an isolate cannot be recovered, a stool specimen in Modified Cary-Blair should be sent to the state lab. CDC recommends that Modified Cary-Blair transport media be chilled 2 hours before collection and then transported to the laboratory with cool packs, not frozen and as expediently as possible to optimize recovery.

## Trick or Treat?



Packaging and Shipping classes will be offered again in 2011. Check your certifications to see if someone from your laboratory needs to attend. Training is required every two years if your facility ships with FedEx or UPS. The regulations have some minor changes in 2011 that will affect everyone that fills out a shipper's declaration. This is definitely a treat!

## Don't Get Spooked!

It is time to order the CAP Laboratory Preparedness Exercise for 2011. If your laboratory participated in 2010 you will automatically be registered. Any changes to your status of participation needs to be emailed to [leighann.bates@ky.gov](mailto:leighann.bates@ky.gov)

