

Collection and Packaging of Enteric Pathogens

Supplies Needed for Enteric Pathogens



Cary Blair Transport Media with Indicator
Zorb Sheet
Plastic Zippered Bag



Aluminum Can with
Biohazard label
*Ensure rubber gasket is in lid



Laboratory Form 219
or
Outreach Form



Outer Can with Lid

Collection of Specimen

DO NOT DISCARD LIQUID IN THE VIAL

1. Store Cary Blair media at room temperature.
2. Check expiration date of specimen vial.
3. Make sure two identifiers or lab label is on specimen vial.
4. Specimen should be sent to the laboratory as soon as possible. This medium is intended for use as a transport medium and should not be used as a storage or enrichment medium.

Stool Specimens

1. Collect stool specimen into clean container.
DO NOT mix urine or water with sample.
2. Open vial carefully. Using the collection spoon attached to the cap, add enough specimen until the liquid reaches the arrow on the label. Approximately one gram.
3. Replace cap tightly and agitate vial.

Swab Specimens

1. Remove cap and immerse swab into medium.
2. Break swab shaft evenly with the lip of the vial.
3. Replace cap and tightly.

Packaging and Shipping

1. Place sample vial back into zippered bag with Zorb sheet.
2. Place zippered bag inside the aluminum can and tighten lid.
3. Wrap lab form around outside of aluminum can and place inside the outer can. Address label should be on the outside of the outer can. Specimen must be mailed to KY Public Health Lab on the day of collection.

