

Collection and Packaging of Norovirus

Supplies Needed for Norovirus



Kit Components:

- Cold Pack
- 95kPa Bag with absorbent
- Two vial pack - Empty vial and Cary Blair Vial in zip bag with Zorb Sheet
- Outreach/Lab Form 275

Collection of Specimen

1. Check expiration date of specimen vials.
2. Make sure two identifiers or lab label is on specimen vial.
3. Fill out lab or Outreach form completely.

*Stool Specimens

*Remel package insert

1. Collect stool specimen into clean container.
DO NOT mix urine or water with sample.
2. Open vials carefully.
 - ✱ Using the collection spoon attached to the cap, add enough specimen until the liquid reaches the arrow on the label.
 - ✱ Fill empty vial, to one-half full with stool specimen.

Fill only one vial at a time and replace the cap onto the same vial. DO NOT mix caps.

Important: Sample areas of the specimen which appear bloody, slimy, or watery. If the stool is hard, sample from each end and the middle of the specimen.

If larger specimen collection containers are used, contact KY DLS for additional instructions.

Packaging and Shipping



Place sample vial into zip bag with Zorb sheet



Place sample/samples into 95kPa bag



Place sample bag on top of frozen freezer block and replace styrofoam lid



Place Outreach or Lab Form 275 on top of styrofoam lid



Close box and place appropriate label on top of box

Ship samples for overnight delivery to the State Laboratory.