



Ricin Toxin
(*Ricinus communis*)
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Missouri Dept of Health and Senior Services (800) 392-0272 (24 hours)
State Public Health Laboratory (573) 751-3334 or (573) 522-1444

Remember that these samples may be toxic! Extreme caution should be taken in collecting, preparing for shipment and transporting any material suspected of being contaminated with this agent.

Specimen collection and transport

Acceptable samples:

Specimens best suited for testing include: paper, powders, soil or mud, water, food, drink, environmental swabs (Dacron, rayon or foam, not cotton) and environmental wipes (non-cotton gauze, polyester blend materials).

Reporting:

All reporting times are the minimum time. Any individual specimen could take longer.

Presumptive results should be available in 4 hours. Samples will be referred to CDC for confirmation.