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**MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY (MSPHL)
HEPATITIS A - COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION OF SPECIMENS**

Upon receipt of the MSPHL collection kit, store the freezer pillow(s) in the freezer for at least 24 hours prior to shipping specimens.

SPECIMEN – Must be centrifuged.

0.5ml minimum volume

- Serum (*Preferred sample*) –Serum separator tube. If using a red top tube, transfer serum into secondary container.
Or
- Plasma – ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) – Transfer plasma into secondary container.

Virology Test Request Form is available online at <http://health.mo.gov/lab/>

STORAGE/SHIPMENT OF SPECIMENS

- Store serum separated from clot at refrigerator temperature (2-8°C) after collection. Ship with freezer pillow(s) provided. Specimens must be received within 7 days of collection.
- Serum separated from the clot can be stored at -20°C or below and shipped with dry ice.

DO NOT USE ICE MADE WITH WATER WHEN SHIPPING SPECIMENS

SHIPMENT OF SPECIMENS

Determine method of shipment (mail or courier) that will get specimens to the laboratory in the shortest length of time. If possible, select the method of shipment so that the specimens will not arrive in Jefferson City on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday. **DO NOT SHIP CLINICAL SPECIMENS BY UPS.**

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