

# NCSLPH Revised Packaging & Shipping Guidance for DOA Medical Courier

## Effective July 10, 2023

### BAGGED SPECIMENS

Specimen vials are packaged in color coded specimen bags.



**Red:**  
HIV/HCV Serology



**Green:**  
Syphilis Serology



**Yellow:**  
Hepatitis Serology



**Orange:**  
Chlamydia/  
Gonorrhea NAAT



**Blue:**  
Rubella, Special  
Serology



**Clear:**  
Blood Lead\*  
**Bordetella\***  
**COVID-19\***  
Gonorrhea (GC)  
Culture\*  
Viral Culture\*

**BOLD = COLD**

### CANNED SPECIMENS

Fragile specimens must be shipped in crush proof containers (cans).

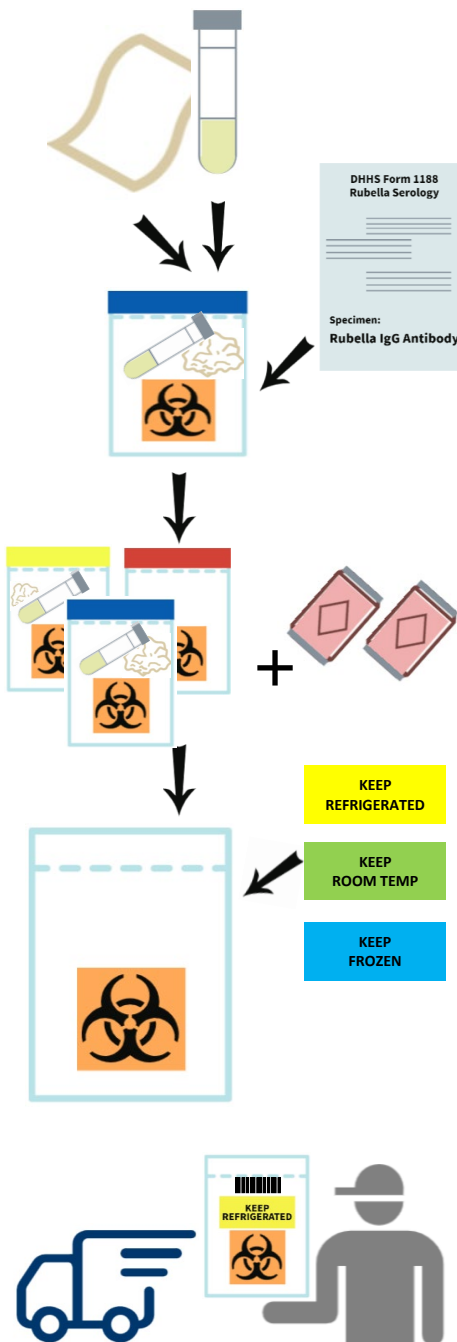
Enteric Clinical\*  
Legionella Clinical  
Microbiology Reference Cultures\*  
Mycology Clinical  
Mycobacteriology Sputum\*  
Parasitology\*  
Environmental Bacteriological Samples

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### BOXED SPECIMENS

Environmental boxes- no change in packaging  
Rabies- continue to ship using MSC state courier

\* Supplies available through NCSLPH



- Place each specimen and absorbent material in its own color-coded bag.
- Fold and slide completed requisition into pouch on bag.

- Place same temperature specimens into the large courier bag.

- Add the appropriate temperature label to the large courier bag.
- Store courier bags at appropriate temperature (**frozen, cold or room temp**) until courier pick up.

- Pay careful attention to the scheduled pickup time.
- Medical courier will pick up specimens from LHD contact person upon arrival.
- All specimens must be ready at assigned pick up time.**

### Shipping Questions:

Refer to NCSLPH [SCOPE](#) Appendix A for shipping requirements.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Use current NCSLPH submission forms: <https://slph.dph.ncdhhs.gov/forms.asp>

Specimens must be stored at appropriate temperature until courier arrives. Specimens must be ready at scheduled pick-up time and hand delivered to courier representative.

Rabies will continue to be sent through the MSC state courier.

#### SCAN QR CODE FOR TUTORIAL



#### SCAN QR CODE FOR FAQ



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