

North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health

Mycobacterium tuberculosis(TB) Specimen Packaging Change

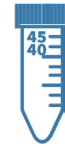
The NCSLPH Mycobacteriology lab which isolates and identifies all Mycobacterium species, including *Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB)*, will utilize **new specimen transport packaging**.

Now available on the NCSLPH Mailroom Supply Portal.

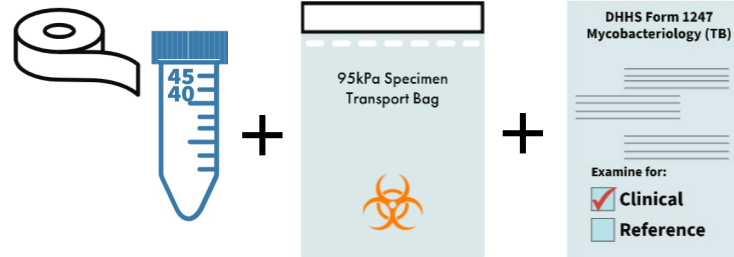
New TB Specimen Packaging Kits Transition

November 6, 2023

The NCSLPH will exchange any remaining sputum collection kit metal cans **through December 11, 2023**

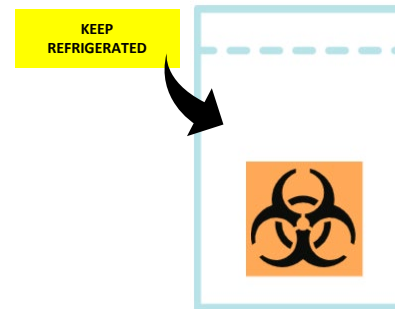


There is **NO CHANGE** to TB and mycobacterium specimen collection.



1. Seal the conical tube with parafilm or tape.

2. Pack the sealed conical tube **AND** the submitter form in the 95kPa Specimen Transport Bag.



There is **NO CHANGE** to TB specimen courier transport procedures. The 95kPa Specimen Transport Bag will go into the large courier bag that must be labeled and kept **refrigerated**.

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Health Departments may purchase TB submitter packaging, courier bags, labels, or other specimen submission supplies from the **NCSLPH Mailroom Supply Portal**
<https://slphreporting.dph.ncdhhs.gov/labportal/>

For detailed information regarding sample types, shipping and acceptability criteria, refer to NC SLPH [SCOPE](#) Guide to Laboratory Services at slph.dph.ncdhhs.gov



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