



## Coppe Laboratories Specimen Storage and Shipping

Ship samples overnight. Deliveries accepted Monday through Friday.

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SPECIMEN TYPE	PREFERRED VOLUME	MINIMUM REQUIRED	STORAGE	SHIPPING
<b>Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab collected in saline or Viral Transport Media (VTM)</b> <b>Preferred</b>	1 - 3 mL	1 mL	<b>Viral Transport Media:</b> Ambient up to 72 hours; >72 hours frozen. <b>Saline:</b> Refrigerate up to 72 hours; >72 hours frozen.	<b>Viral Transport Media:</b> < 72 hours ambient; >72 hours dry ice. <b>Saline:</b> < 72 hours ice packs; >72 hours dry ice.
<b>Nasal swab collected dry (collection kits available upon request)</b>	1 swab	1 swab	Frozen	Dry ice
<b>Whole blood:</b> collected in EDTA tubes (collection kits available upon request)	3 mL	1 mL	Ambient < 48 hours	Ambient
<b>Plasma:</b> Whole blood collected in EDTA , processed to plasma and transferred to a cryotube or sterile vial	1 mL	0.5 mL	Refrigerator 6 days; frozen 1 year	If not previously frozen, ice packs. If frozen, dry ice.
<b>Serum</b>	1 mL	0.5 mL	Refrigerator 6 days; frozen 1 year	If not previously frozen, ice packs. If frozen, dry ice.
<b>Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)</b>	1 mL	0.5 mL	Refrigerator 6 days; frozen 1 year	If not previously frozen, ice packs. If frozen, dry ice.
<b>Bone marrow:</b> collected in ACD or EDTA tube	1 mL	1 mL	Ambient < 48 hours	Ambient
<b>Cord blood:</b> collected in ACD or EDTA tube	1 mL	1 mL	Ambient < 48 hours	Ambient
<b>Hair follicle (Preferred over nail clipping)</b>	2-3 hairs with follicles	2-3 hairs with follicles	Ambient	Ambient
<b>Nail clipping</b>	5-10 clippings	2-3 clippings	Ambient	Ambient
<b>Tissue Slides for IHC:</b> 6 unstained slides, 4 micron thick sections	6 slides	6 slides	Ambient	Ambient