

Instructions for Shipping Zika Samples

For RT-PCR

- Serum: FREEZE samples and ship with DRY ICE
 - [Lab Form 96](#)
 - Please collect at least 2 mL of serum in a tiger top or gold (SST) tube. Whole blood will not be accepted for testing. Spin down the sample as usual and freeze the specimens
 - Specimen should be kept frozen. The sample should be placed in an INSULATED container with DRY ICE
 - Each specimen should be labeled with:
 - Patient Name
 - DOB
 - Medical Record Number
 - Date/Time of Collection

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- Urine: DO NOT FREEZE and ship with FROZEN blue ice packs
 - [Lab Form 96](#)
 - Please collect 1 to 5 mL of urine in a tiger top or gold (SST) tube
 - Specimen should be kept cold and refrigerated. The sample should be placed in an insulated container with blue ice packs
 - Each specimen should be labeled with:
 - Patient Name
 - DOB
 - Medical Record Number
 - Date/Time of Collection

For IgM

- Serology: DO NOT FREEZE and ship with FROZEN blue ice packs
 - [Lab Form 96](#)
 - Please collect at least 2 mL of serum in a tiger top or gold (SST) tube
 - Whole blood will not be accepted for testing. Spin down the sample as usual
 - Specimen should be kept cold and refrigerated. The sample should be placed in an insulated container with blue ice packs
 - Each specimen should be labeled with:
 - Patient Name
 - DOB
 - Medical Record Number
 - Date/Time of Collection

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