

Protocol For Laboratories Submitting Carey-Blair for Culture Confirmation of Campylobacter Antigen Tests As Recommended in the CDC Summary Statement on Non-Culture Methods of Campylobacter Detection

Submitting Clinical Labs:

1. Ship to UHL via courier the same day you get an EIA or lateral flow test-positive. Prompt shipment will help maintain viability of any organisms present.
2. Stool must have been in Carey-Blair within 2 hours of collection and should have been kept cold (4°C) until shipment to UHL (**DO NOT FREEZE**)*
3. Stool must be kept cold (4°C) during shipment to UHL (frozen specimens may compromise the viability of *Campylobacter*)
4. Use the bacteriology test-request form
5. Complete the form as usual providing all patient information, specimen type and date of collection
6. Under the “Tests Requested” section:
 - a. Select “Other”
 - b. Write in “Culture confirmation of positive non-culture Campy test”
7. Use ice packs to keep specimen(s) cold and ship via CDS courier (**DO NOT FREEZE**)
8. There will be no charge associated with this test
9. UHL will send to you a report of the culture results.
10. Reference the CDC Summary statement with regards to reports. This statement is available under the “Notes from Micro” section on the Sentinel Lab page of the UHL website.
11. <http://www.uhl.uiowa.edu/educationoutreach/sentclinlabtraining/index.xml>

*viability of *Campylobacter* is unstable at freezing temperatures (*Clinical Microbiology Procedures Handbook*, 2007 update)