

Specimen	Stool (Enteric Outbreaks)	
Collection Materials	Enteric outbreak kit containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green capped container with liquid medium (for bacteriology) ▪ White capped container (for Virology/Toxin) ▪ General Test Requisition ▪ Sealable plastic biohazard bag 	Personal protective equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gloves ▪ Gown
Collection Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instruct adults to defecate into a clean container such as a disposable plate or bed pan. Stool specimens that have been in contact with water in the toilet are unacceptable. Stool must be loose/watery. Formed stool specimens will not be accepted. 2. Remove specimen collection vials from the biohazard bag and check expiry dates. DO NOT USE EXPIRED BOTTLES 3. Label each vial before collecting the specimen with date of collection, patient's full name, and one other unique identifier such as DOB or HCN. 4. Perform hand hygiene and put on appropriate personal protective equipment. 5. Using the spatula on the lid of each vial, select different sites of the stool specimen, preferably blood, mucous or pus, and transfer to the containers as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Bacteriology (Green-capped container with pink coloured transport medium): Fill to the line & use spoon to mix into transport medium. ➢ Virology/Toxin (White-capped container): Use spoon to insert stool up to the line indicated. 6. Place all containers in the biohazard bag. Place the completed requisition form in the outside pocket. Do not place the test requisition inside the biohazard bag containing the specimens. 7. Refrigerate specimens immediately. Do not freeze specimens. 8. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene. Remove personal protective equipment and repeat hand hygiene. 	

Important Reminders:

- The Public Health Lab may reject specimens and may not perform testing if instructions are not followed
- Ensure the specimen container is labelled and cap closed **tightly**. Unlabeled specimens will not be tested.
- Send specimens to the local PHL as soon as possible – samples received greater than 72 hrs after collection may not be tested.
- Samples must be transported in the designated public health lab BLUE transport bag to the local PUBLIC HEALTH LAB

General Test Requisition Form Completion Instructions:

1. 1 - Submitter

The box must have the Local Public Health Unit information including Medical Officer of Health name

2. 2 – Patient Information

- The resident's name, date of birth, sex and health card number **must** be completed.
- **Address** is the name and location of the facility. Provide phone and fax number.
- A Public Health Unit **Outbreak number must be indicated** on the form and will be provided to you at the beginning of the outbreak
- Public Health Investigator Information: Ensure that the Health Unit contact for the outbreak is listed.
- Patient Setting: Choose "Institution"
- Clinical Informtaion: check as appropriate

3. 3- Test(s) Requested: Write "Enteric Culture, Virology, C. Perf, C. Deff"

4. 4- Specimen Type and Site: check "Faeces"

5. 5- Reason for Test: Check "Diagnostic" and **MUST FILL IN DATE SAMPLE COLLECTED AND ONSET DATE OF SYMPTOMS**

