

Shipping Requirements

The test article to be submitted will vary according to the agent of interest, and can be discussed with Technical Services (1-800-338-9680) prior to submission. Recommended sample amounts are as follows:

- *Tissues*: Minimum of 50mg shipped on dry ice.
- *Fecal Pellets*: 2 fresh pellets per tube shipped on ice packs or at ambient temperature (please avoid bedding material).
- *Fecal Pooling (viral assays only)*: Up to 10 fresh pellets per tube shipped on ice packs or dry ice.
- *Serum or urine*: 500uL undiluted serum or urine, shipped on dry ice.
- *Environmental Swabs*: 2 cotton or synthetic (e.g. Dacron or rayon) per tube shipped in a sealed container on ice packs or at ambient temperature without transport media; do not submit alginate swabs.
- *Filter material*: 1-2 inch sections of dirtiest filter material shipped at room temperature in individual zip-lock bags or 50mL tubes.
- *Biological materials submitted for PCR viral detection panels and/or mycoplasma testing*:
 - Submit two undiluted aliquots of at least 200uL each (to allow us to perform confirmatory testing) and ship frozen vials on dry ice.
 - Cell number is not critical; however, please note on the submission form if there are more than 5×10^7 cells/mL.
 - If possible, samples for *mycoplasma* testing should be passaged without antibiotics prior to submission.

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