



Information for Health Care Providers & Clinical Labs

See the following link for information regarding **testing criteria** at the Washington State Public Health Laboratory

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/ZikaVirus/healthcareprovidersClinicallabs>.

Intake Submission Form: Complete Form and Submit to Whatcom County Health Department (FAX: 778-6103)

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5410/ZikaVirusIntakeForm.pdf>.

Virology Lab Request Form:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5230/302-017-SerVirHIV.pdf>.

Steps for ordering Zika Virus Testing through Public Health

NOTE: Submissions must be pre-approved by your local health jurisdiction.

1. Complete a Zika virus intake form (PDF) and fax to your local health jurisdiction for approval prior to specimen submission (778-6103). Be sure to complete all fields. **MISSING DETAILS WILL RESULT IN SPECIMEN REJECTION.**
2. Complete a laboratory specimen submission form for each approved specimen.
3. Label specimens and the specimen submission form with two patient identifiers (required) and specimen types. **IMPROPER LABELING WILL RESULT IN SPECIMEN REJECTION.**
4. Ship approved specimen(s) using Category B labels and packaging in an insulated container with ice packs or on dry ice, with completed specimen submission form to Public Health Laboratories, 1610 NE 150th St, Shoreline, WA 98155. **Weekday arrivals only.**

Specimen collection and storing specimens

Serum (0.25 mL minimum, 2 mL preferred) spun down in a red or tiger top (serum separator) tube or cryotube and kept cold or frozen to -70°C. Ship in an insulated container with ice packs or on dry ice.

Urine (>1 mL) in a sterile container with a tight fitting screw cap or cryotube and kept cold or frozen to -70°C

Amniotic fluid in a sterile container with a tight fitting screw cap or cryotube and kept cold or frozen to -70°C

Tissue fixed in formalin and stored at ambient temperature

For Any Questions or For Assistance in Submitting Specimens, please call one of the Communicable Disease Nurses at 360-778-6103 during office hours or leave a message on the Report Line at 360-778-6150.