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CAMPYLOBACTER	
<i>Laboratory Submission Information Sheet</i>	
Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC:	Yes: Campylobacter is a Notifiable Condition. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen:	While submission is not required, HETL requests isolates or suspect isolates for both speciation and DNA fingerprinting to assist in epidemiological investigations
Required Information:	Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information. Specimen must be labeled with patient name. IMPORTANT: ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELED WITH PATIENT NAME AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN HETL REQUISITION Requisition form available at: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/micro/documents/clinical-test-requisition-front.pdf
Specimen Requirements:	Stool: Collect feces in a leak-proof container soon after onset of illness and preferably before start of treatment. Isolates: Clinical isolates may be submitted to HETL for speciation.
Collection Instructions:	Stool can be submitted in Cary Blair liquid media in a leak-proof container.
Specimen Handling and Transport:	Specimens in Cary-Blair media should arrive at the laboratory within 48 hours of collection. Specimens not in Cary Blair media must be transported to lab within 2 hours. Isolates may be submitted on slants or culturettes. Campylobacter is a Category B organism and may be sent through the United States Postal Service.
Turn Around Time:	Clinical isolates have a 18-36 hour turn-around-time. Samples requiring culture and isolation may extend TAT by 72 hours.
<i>MeCDC Epidemiologists only</i>	<i>TAT for PFGE is 5-6 business days</i>
Unacceptable Conditions:	Avoid contamination with urine, soap etc. Do not refrigerate. Raw stools not received within 2 hours of collection
Results Include:	Report will include identification
Results:	All results will be reported only to submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee:	Campylobacter is a notifiable condition but does not require laboratory submission.
Applicable CPT Codes:	Culture: \$20.00 PCR: \$56.00 CPT Code: 87077 (culture), IF PCR used for species determination add: 83891,83900,83894
Additional Information:	For Campylobacter specific questions contact Maine HETL Bacteriology at 207-287-1704