



Herpes Simplex Virus Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC:	HSV is not a reportable condition
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen:	N/A
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: PDF
Specimen Requirements:	Swab taken from a suspect lesions, cultured viral isolates and cerebral spinal fluid (CSF).
Collection Instructions:	Collect lesion material on polyester swab and place in sterile viral transport medium (VTM) CSF: DO NOT DILUTE minimum volume is 1.0ml (1.5ml preferred). Do not use wooden swabs or calcium alginate swabs. ONLY synthetic-tipped swabs (Polyester, Rayon, Dacron) with plastic shafts should be used.
Specimen Handling and Transport:	Swabs from suspect lesion(s) in VTM /CSF may be kept at refrigerated temperature until shipped. Viral isolates may be frozen at -70°C and shipped on sufficient dry ice to maintain specimens in a frozen state. Contact the Virology section prior to submission of viral isolates.
Turn Around Time:	PCR results are generally available within 24 hours after arrival. Culture results are generally available within 7 days after arrival.
MeCDC Epidemiologists only	Contact HETL for outbreak kits @ 287-1716
Unacceptable Conditions:	Specimens received without a form and clinical details, with insufficient material to analyze, collected with wooden shaft or calcium alginate swabs. Unlabeled, poorly labeled specimens or leaking containers will not be tested.
Results Include(PCR):	Herpes Simplex Virus DNA NOT found Herpes Simplex Virus 1 detected; Herpes Simplex Virus 2 detected
Results Include(Culture):	No Herpes Simplex Virus isolated Herpes Simplex Virus isolated
Results:	All results will be reported only to submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee:	With prior authorization from MeCDC, specimens submitted during a possible outbreak will be tested at no cost to the submitter, or patient. PCR for CSF: \$243.00, all other specimens are \$98.00 Culture: \$36.00
Applicable CPT Codes:	83891(nucleic acid extraction) 83900 (amplification) 87252 (culture)
Additional Information:	For HSV specific questions contact Maine HETL Virology at 207-287-1722