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| **VIBRIO Species**  ***Laboratory Submission Information Sheet*** | |
| Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC: | Yes: *Vibrio* species infection (including Cholera) 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: | Yes: suspect *Vibrio* specimens or clinical isolates must be submitted to the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL) |
| 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 A HETL REQUISITION FORM**  Requisition form: [PDF](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 must be submitted to HETL for confirmation and serotyping. Isolates should be sent in appropriate biological growth media, preferably slant or broth. |
| 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.  Stools not in Cary Blair media must be transported to lab within 2 hours.  Isolates should be sent on slants on standard bacterial growth media.  [More information on shipping](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/micro/documents/client-directions-ship-cat-b-spec-11-19-08.pdf) |
| Turn Around Time: | Clinical isolates have a 18-36 hour turn-around-time (TAT). Samples requiring culture and isolation may extend TAT by 72 hours. |
| Unacceptable Conditions: | Avoid contamination with urine, soap etc. Do not refrigerate. Raw stools not received within 2 hours of collection |
| Results Include: | Report may include species isolation. |
| Results: | All results will be reported only to **submitter** as stated on requisition via mail or fax. |
| Laboratory Testing Fee: | *Vibrio* species infection is a notifiable condition which requires laboratory submission and fee is waived |
| Applicable CPT Codes: | N/A |
| *MeCDC Epidemiologists only* | *PFGE for Vibrio species is available at Federal CDC.* |
| Additional Information: | For *Vibrio* species specific questions contact Maine HETL  **Bacteriology at 207-287-1704** |