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Norovirus Detection by Real-Time RT-PCR *Laboratory Submission Information Sheet*

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes: If you have not already done so, please report any suspect outbreak to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24 hours/day 7 days/week)
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No• Specimen submission is recommended in outbreak situations. Consider submitting specimens from 5-10 patients. No more than 10 samples should be submitted unless instructed to do so.
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.• Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stool should be submitted in a leak-proof container of viral transport media such as M4, VTM or UTM• Vomitus can be submitted when stool is not available.
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ONLY Synthetic-tipped (Polyester, Dacron, Rayon) swabs with plastic shafts should be used.• Collect specimen soon after onset of illness and preferably before start of treatment.• Specimens in viral transport media, should be submitted at 2-8°C within 48 hours.• Specimens in sterile containers should be kept at refrigerator temperatures on wet ice or cold packs.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results are expected within 24 hours after arrival
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze.• Do not use wooden shaft or calcium alginate swabs.• Do not freeze
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Norovirus, genogroup II or genogroup I RNA NOT detected• Norovirus, genogroup II or genogroup I RNA Detected• All results will be reported only to submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$110 (Fee waived if testing/identification is part of an outbreak investigation by Maine CDC)
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 87798 (PCR)
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704, Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, and Serology at 207-287-1722• Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769• Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706• CT/GC at 207-287-6244