

**REQUEST FOR IMMUNOLOGICAL/ISOLATION SERVICES
-VIRAL TESTING UNIT-
(SRD-1) FORM**

INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete one (1) form for each patient.
- Provide all information requested on the form.
- Please include additional patient information as warranted in the “Pertinent Clinical Information” box on the form.

Viral Isolation:

- Collect specimens aseptically as soon as possible after onset or at autopsy. Label each specimen with patient identification information, type of specimen(s), date of collection. Refrigerate samples immediately and deliver to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Public Health and Environmental Health Laboratories as soon as possible.* Maintain cold chain throughout delivery process. If delivery will be delayed, specimens should be frozen at -70° C. Stool specimens submitted for Norovirus testing SHOULD NOT be frozen; only refrigerated. Do not add fixatives or preservatives to samples.

Viral Serology:

- Collect acute specimen via venipuncture into appropriate tube (red top, serum separator) within 7 days of onset. Convalescent samples should be drawn similarly 14 to 21 days after the acute sample. Store specimens at 2-8° C (35.6° - 46.4° F) until they can be delivered to the Lab. If specimen will not be delivered to the lab within 7 days, freeze serum samples at -20° C (-4° F). Maintain the specimen cold chain during delivery.

***Delivery:**

Ground deliveries should be made to:

NJ Department of Health and Senior Services
Public Health and Environmental Laboratories
Specimen Receiving Unit
Warren and Market Streets
Trenton, NJ 08608