
Memorandum

To: Nova Scotia District Labs
From: Jimmy MacDonald, Supervisor, Virology and Immunology Section
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Subject: Processing and transport of serum/plasma for Virology, Immunology and Immunopathology testing

In the past, some serum/plasma specimens for Virology, Immunology and Immunopathology have been shipped frozen. Please be advised that effective immediately, transporting these specimens at 2-8 degrees Celsius (including PCR specimens) within 72 hours is preferred. The exception is **Anti-TTG** (Anti-Tissue Transglutaminase) which **must** be shipped frozen.

This change in transport is expected to improve turnaround time in the receiving location..

Note: Immunology/Virology lavender (EDTA) tubes must be spun for 20 minutes at 2500 rpm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the laboratory at 902-473-6886.

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