

This chart provides the test code, test name, transport medium, and transport temperature for commonly ordered microbiology tests, along with images of the available transport devices.

Before collecting a specimen, please verify the expiration date on the collection medium. Expired swabs or containers may result in specimen rejection.

All specimens must be clearly labeled with the patient's full name, date of collection, and the initials of the individual collecting the specimen.

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BBL™ CultureSwab™ Plus w/ Amies Gel

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Liquid Amies Double Plastic Swabs

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Culture Swab Liquid Stuarts

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APTIMA® Vaginal Swab Transport Media (STM)

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APTIMA® Urine

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BD Vacutainer® Urine C&S Preservative Plastic Tube

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Urinalysis Tube

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Sterile Urine Cup

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Total Fix™

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Stool Container w/ Red Lid

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Para-Pak® C&S

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InSure™ Card

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BacTec® Plus

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BacT/ALERT® PF (Pediatric)

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BacTec Mycolytic

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eSwab

For test not listed on this chart, please refer to the Virtual Test Guide or the Quest Test Directory, both accessible at www.dlolab.com.

The information on this chart is valid as of October 2025 and is subject to change without notice.

DLO Microbiology Collection Chart

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	COLLECTION DEVICE(S)	TEMPERATURE
Cultures			
4550	Aerobic (Swab, Tissue)	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
4550	Aerobic (Body Fluid)	N/A Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
4469	Anaerobic (Swab, Tissue)	1 or 16	Room Temp
4469	Anaerobic (Body Fluid)	N/A Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
4446*	Anaerobic And Aerobic (Swab, Tissue)	1 or 16	Room Temp
4446	Anaerobic And Aerobic (Body Fluid)	N/A Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
389	Blood (Adult)	15	Room Temp
389	Blood (Pediatric)	12	Room Temp
16302	Campylobacter	11	Room Temp
388**	CSF	N/A Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
4477	Ear, External (Swab)	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
8631	E. Coli 0157	1	Room Temp
4480	Eye (Swab)	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
4606	Fungus (Blood)	15 and Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
4553	Fungus; Not Skin, Hair Or Nail (Swab)	1 or 2 or 3	Room Temp
4553	Fungus; Not Skin, Hair Or Nail (Tissue, Biopsy, Body Fluid)	2 or 3 or 8 or 10 or 15	Refrigerate
4605	Fungus; Skin, Hair, Or Nail Only	8 or 10	Room Temp
4558	Genital	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
90417	MRSA Culture Screen (No Sensitivities)	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
17656	MRSA PCR	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Refrigerate
4554	Mycobacteria (a.k.a Afb)(Swab)*Specimen type is suboptimal*	1 or 2 or 3	Refrigerate
4554	Mycobacteria (a.k.a Afb)(Tissue, Biopsy, Body Fluid, Sputum)	2 or 3 or 8 or 10 or 15	Refrigerate
10526	Mycobacteria (a.k.a Afb)(Blood)	15	Refrigerate
4556	Sputum/Lower Resp (Trac. Asp, Sputum, Bronch)	8	Refrigerate
8801	Staphylococcus Screen With Sensitivity	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
10019	Stool (Salmonella/Shigella Only)	11	Room Temp
32114	Stool (Salmonella/Shigella/Campylobacter/Shiga Toxin w/ reflex To 8631)	11	Room Temp
4485	Strep Group A Culture	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
10553*	Strep Group A, Antigen (Rapid Strep), Child	2 or 16	Room Temp
11479	Strep Group A, Antigen (Rapid Strep), Adult	2 or 16	Room Temp
14541	Throat Culture, special with Group A Strep Susceptibility	2 or 16	Room Temp
5617	Strep Group B	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
15090	Strep Group B With Sensitivity	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
4479	Surveillance (Environmental) (Swab) (Water)	1 or 3 or 8	Room Temp
17835	Sterilizer Check Culture	N/A Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
394*	Throat	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
395	Urine	6 or 8	Room Temp
3021	Urine, Special	6 or 8	Room Temp
Stains			
4503	Acid Fast Stain Only (Tissue, Fluid)	1 or 8	Refrigerate
497	Gram Stain (Swab, Tissue, Fluid, All Other Specimens)	1 or 2 or 3 or 6 or 8 or 16	Room Temp
497	Gram Stain (Sputum)	8 or 16	Refrigerate
8627	Fungus/KOH, Stain Only (Swab)	1 or 2 or 3 or 16	Room Temp
8627	Fungus/KOH, Stain Only (Tissue, Fluid)	2 or 3 or 8 or 10 or 16	Refrigerate
3930	Fecal Leukocyte Stain	9	Room Temp
Isolated ID & Miscellaneous			
392	Aerobic Bacterium Id	N/A Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
91664	C. Difficile Toxin (Gdh) Screen With Reflex To PCR	8 or 10	Refrigerate
16377	C. Difficile Toxin B, PCR	8 or 10	Refrigerate
11363	Chlamydia/N. Gonorrhoea MRNA,TMA (Swab)	4 and 5	Room Temp
11293	Fecal Globin, Stool (Medicare)	12	Room Temp
11290	Fecal Globin, Stool	12	Room Temp
8625	Giardia Antigen, EIA	8 or 9 or 11	Room Temp
3950	Parasite ID (Intestine)	8 and Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
3946	Parasite ID (External)	8 and Refer to Test Guide or call Customer Service	Room Temp
706	Rotavirus	8 or 10	Refrigerate
5463	Urinalysis (Complete)	7	Room Temp
3020	Urinalysis w/ reflex to Culture	6 and 7	Room Temp
681	Ova And Parasites	9	Room Temp
6653	Ova And Parasites (2 Specimen Collection Vials)	9	Room Temp
6652	Ova And Parasites (3 Specimen Collection Vials)	9	Room Temp
16492	Sureswab® (CT/NG, T Vaginalis)	4	Room Temp
16898	Sureswab® (Bacterial Vaginosis DNA)	4	Room Temp
19550	Sureswab® (Trichomonas)	4 and 5	Room Temp
11363	Sureswab® (CT/NG)	4 and 5	Room Temp
16491	Sureswab® (Vaginosis)	4	Room Temp
15509	Sureswab® (Bacterial Vaginosis)	4	Room Temp
16495	Sureswab® (Candida Albicans DNA)	4	Room Temp

