

Guidelines for shipping of samples:

1. Prior appointments for shipping samples should be obtained from the resource person. Each lab will have their own turnaround times that need to be confirmed from the individual lab.
2. Samples should reach the testing lab in working days (Monday to Friday) and not over weekends.
3. Ensure proper cold chain. Samples received without cold packs and in improper temperature conditions or hemolysed condition will not be processed.
4. All samples **MUST** reach the testing lab within 24 hours of collection.
5. All samples **MUST** be accompanied by a normal control sample (travel control).
6. Sample vacutainers:
 - a. **Serum** based assays: **Red top** vacutainer
 - b. **Flowcytometry** assays: **Green top** (heparin) vacutainers. Functional assays strictly require heparinised samples.
 - c. **Molecular** studies: **Green top** (heparin) or **purple top** (EDTA) vacutainer.