



Update: Specimen Submission Requirements

To All OSPHL Clients,

Every two years, the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) conducts a comprehensive review of all specimen acceptance criteria posted on the Lab Test Menu and in the OSPHL Specimen Submission Policy. Revised specimen submission instructions were posted to our website this month.

Action: Please use the tools below to ensure that your facility's procedures for each test you request from the OSPHL aligns with the requirements.

Updates have been made to the guidance below. All information posted is effective immediately and always available to you on our website.

- Lab Test Menu – Significant updates have been posted. A selection of large updates is provided below. This list is not all-inclusive.
 - o For tests validated by the OSPHL, Method Performance Specifications for each test have been added. For tests validated by other entities or that are FDA cleared, links to performance specifications are provided.
 - o Test-specific pages for send-out testing at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been removed and replaced with a general CDC send-out page.
 - o Comments have been substantively updated for EIA tests performed in our Virology/Immunology testing section.
 - o Clarifications to submission requirements for many tests provided by the OSPHL.

The Lab Test Menu can be found at www.healthoregon.org/labtests.

- Specimen Submission Policy – Significant changes have been made to clarify:
 - o That specimen labels that call into question the identity of the patient make the specimen Unsatisfactory for testing.
 - o Procedures for managing incorrect submissions or misrouted specimens to the OSPHL.

The policy can be found at www.bitly.com/SpecimenCriteria

As a reminder, OSPHL forms, including fillable PDFs of the lab's Test Request Forms, are also available online at www.bitly.com/phl-forms.

Please contact Sarah Humphrey with questions about these changes at 503-693-4124 or sarah.m.humphrey@state.or.us.

All the best,

The OSPHL Team