

Use this table to understand the required temperatures for specimen storage and shipping, and the required timeframes between specimen collection and being received at the Lab.

In the table below:

- RT – Room Temperature
- Cold – 2-8°C (35-46°F)
- Freezing – ≤ -20°C (≤ -4°F)

Test Name	Storage Temp	Maximum Time For Specimen To Get To The Lab
Brucella Ab	Cold	7 days from collection
	Frozen	> 7 days from collection
Francisella Ab	Cold	4 hours
	Frozen	> 4 hours
Hepatitis B Core Total Ab	Cold	6 days
	Frozen	> 6 days
Hepatitis B Surface Ab	Cold	2 days
	Frozen	> 2 days
Hepatitis B Surface Ag	Cold	8 days
	Frozen	> 8 days
Hepatitis C	Cold	10 days
	Frozen	> 10 days
HIV – Serum	RT	2 days
	Cold	7 days
	Frozen	> 8 days
Measles IgG	RT	8 hours
	Cold	2 days
	Frozen	> 2 days

Measles IgM	Cold	2 days
	Frozen	> 2 days
Mumps IgG	RT	8 hours
	Cold	2 days
	Frozen	> 2 days
Rubella IgG	Cold	8 days
	Frozen	> 8 days
Rubella IgM	RT	8 hours
	Cold	2 days
	Frozen	> 2 days
Syphilis - FTA	RT	8 hours
	Cold	2 days
	Frozen	> 2 days
Syphilis - RPR	RT	5 days
	Frozen	> 5 days
Syphilis - VDRL	RT	4 hours
	Cold	5 days
	Frozen	> 5 days
Varicella IgG	RT	8 hours
	Cold	2 days
	Frozen	> 2 days