



Technical Bulletin

Storage and Temperature Guidance for all Submitted Specimens

- To ensure specimen integrity of specimen storage prior to transport and transport conditions, the Katherine A. Kelley State Public Health Laboratory will continue to monitor the temperature of all incoming samples, including Newborn Screening samples.
- Starting January 1, 2024 any specimens that fall outside the acceptable temperature range for the requested test will be marked as unsatisfactory and a disclaimer will appear on the clinical final report.
- The updated Clinical Test Directory will include guidance for storage prior to shipping as well as shipping requirements for clinical samples.
- Submitters should reference the guidance provided in the links below for the proper procedures for the transport of room temperature (15°C to 25°C) refrigerated (2°C to 8°C) and frozen (at or below – 20°C) samples to the State Public Health Laboratory.

For shipping guidance, please refer to the CDC's [Specimen Storage and Shipping Guidance](#).

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the Quality Assurance Department at 860-920-6550 or send an email to DPHQualityAssurance@ct.gov.