

<b>Title</b>	<b>Parasitology</b>
<b>Specimen Requirements</b>	Stool Specimen Collection: Stool Volume/Amount Required: Solid sample equivalent in size to a nickel, liquid sample approximately 5 tablespoons/. Required Specimen. Stool in two parasitology media bottles, one containing 10% formalin and one containing (PVA) Polyvinyl Alcohol Fixative. Fecal specimens accepted only from a public health agency or upon approval
<b>Sampling Materials</b>	Stool Specimen: Collect stool and place in two bottles. One bottle containing 10% Formalin and one bottle containing (PVA) Polyvinyl Alcohol Fixative. Sample container: Parasitology transport container Collection kit: ISDH Container #4A
<b>Procedural Notes</b>	<p>Stool Specimen Collection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the expiration date on the outer cardboard container of #4A kit. If it is expired please ask the Local Health Department of a new kit.</li> <li>2. Fill out upper half of the parasitology request form, State Form 13053, clearly and completely in ink.</li> <li>3. Label both plastic containers with full name and date of collection.</li> <li>4. Collect feces according to instructions included with #4A kit.</li> <li>5. After collection rewrap plastic bottles containing feces and transport medias in cotton barriers and place one bottle back in each small metal container.</li> <li>6. Shipping Requirements: Fold and wrap the completed request form around the outside of the metal containers and place into outer cardboard mailing tube. Mail PROMPTLY and unrefrigerated via the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) First Class Mail to the laboratory or deliver back to Local health Department for shipping.</li> </ol>
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	<p>Shipping Requirements: Fold and wrap the completed request form around the outside of the metal containers and place into outer cardboard mailing tube of #4A kit. Mail PROMPTLY and unrefrigerated via the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) First Class Mail to the laboratory or deliver back to Local health Department for shipping.</p> <p>Availability: Monday-Friday, except State holidays. Outbreak situations prior arrangements- Saturday-Sunday. Diagnostic Information: Properly packaged ISDH #4A kit Required Request Form: Parasitology Submission form Request form for mail submissions. Transport Temperature: Ambient</p>
<b>Reporting and TAT</b>	Reporting TAT: 2 - 6 business days. Results will be delivered via USPS. Test Referral. Isolates may be forwarded to the CDC for additional testing.