

Title	V. Cholera
Specimen Requirements	Sample Type: Fresh stool or rectal swab. Stool specimens should be collected early, preferably within 24 hours of onset of illness, and before administration of antibiotics. > 10 mL for liquid stools; > 20 g solid or semi-solid stools.
Sampling Materials	Collect fresh stool in clean, dry leak-proof container. Transfer indicated amount to the Cary-Blair transport as indicated by instructions on or with the transport tube.
Procedural Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be sure to properly label the specimen tube with at least the patient's name and date of collection. 2. Check the expiration date on the tube to ensure product is acceptable and will continue to be acceptable once received at the ISDH laboratory. 3. Complete a request form for each specimen with the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name, birth date, race, and sex of patient b. Specimen type and date of specimen collection c. Date of symptom onset d. Suspected disease agent e. Complete patient history, travel history, and other relevant information f. Submitting clinic information-clinic name, address, phone number, fax number, contact name and email address (if available). g. For eligibility contact ISDH Epidemiology SID 317-234-2808.
Shipping Instructions	Required Request Form: ISDH Enteric form Specimen Handling: Body fluids handled with standard precautions. Transport Temperature: Ambient Shipping Requirements: Category B UN3373, Triple contained in accordance with federal shipping regulations for diagnostic specimens. Storage Instructions: Store between 2-8° C
Reporting and TAT	Reporting Method: Mail Test Turn Around Time: 3-10 days Test Referral: Cultures presumptively identified as Vibrio cholera will be sent to the CDC for confirmation and serological typing