

Specimen Container and Storage Temp				
Lab Test	Para-Pak C&S Cary Blair (Orange Lid)	Fresh clean container with lid, no preservative (Gray tub with lid)	Para-Pak Ecofix (Dark Green Lid)	Sterile screw topped container
Stool Culture	Room temp	Room Temp		
	Test within 5 days of collection	Deliver to the Microbiology Lab within 1 hour of collection		
Fecal Leukocytes (Lactoferrin)		Refrigerate		
		Test within 14 days of collection		
Rotavirus		Refrigerate		
		Test within 72 hours of collection		
Cryptosporidium/ Giardia Parasite Antigen	Refrigerate.	Refrigerate		
	Test within 5 days of collection	Test within 48 hours of collection		
Clostridium difficile toxin		Refrigerate		
		Test within 4 days of collection		
Ova and Parasites		Room Temp	Room Temp	
		Deliver to the Microbiology Lab within 2 hours of collection	Test within 5 days of collection	
Cyclospora		Refrigerate	Room Temp	
		Test within 3 days of collection	Test within 5 days of collection	
Norwalk-like viral (Norovirus)				Frozen
				Test within 21 days of freezing