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## Detection of *Campylobacter* by Culture

### Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes: <i>Campylobacter</i> is a Notifiable Condition. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)</li></ul>
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NO</li><li>• HETL requests isolates/suspect isolates for both speciation and Whole Genome Sequencing to assist in epidemiological investigations</li></ul>
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information on requisition must include: suspected organism if known or required, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.</li><li>• <b>Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.</b></li></ul>
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stool samples in Cary-Blair</li><li>• Raw stool</li><li>• Isolates</li></ul>
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Isolates: send on appropriate biological growth media, preferably in a gas pack</li><li>• Stool: If possible, collect before start of treatment. Specimen may be raw stool, or stool in Cary-Blair. Samples in Cary-Blair must arrive at the laboratory within 48 hours of collection. Raw stool samples must be transported to lab within 2 hours of collection. Ship samples at ambient temperature, raw stool must be shipped cold</li></ul>
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical isolate results are generally available within 2-10 days of specimen receipt.</li><li>• Samples requiring culture and isolation may extend turn-around-time by 72 hours</li><li>•</li></ul>
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze.</li><li>• Specimens in poorly labeled/unlabeled or leaking containers.</li><li>• Raw specimens not refrigerated or frozen, or not received in the lab within 2 hours</li></ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report will include species identification.</li><li>• Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition</li></ul>
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$50.00 (Fee waived if testing/identification is part of an outbreak investigation by Maine CDC)</li></ul>
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 87077 (culture)</li></ul>
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704</li><li>• Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722</li><li>• Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769</li><li>• Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706</li></ul>