

# State Hygienic Laboratory

## COVID-19

### Serologic Antibody Specimen Packaging

#### Collection

Preferred Specimen is 1 mL minimum of serum in a Gold or Marble Top Serum Separator Tube (SST) (clot activator w/gel), pictured top right. If possible, centrifuge the specimen before shipping. It is not necessary to aliquot.

#### Sample Packaging

1. Following collection, tightly seal the cap. **Leaking samples cannot be tested.**
2. Label the tube with patient name and date of birth.
3. Place the sealed tube and absorbent pad into the biohazard bag.
4. Place the Test Request Form in the **outside pocket** of the biohazard bag. For infection control, do not place the form inside the bag or staple to the outside of the bag.
5. If sending multiple samples, place all packaged samples into a larger bag or box.
6. Immediately refrigerate the specimen at 2 – 8° C. Do not place directly on ice.



#### Package Labeling

Label the outer-most packaging with

- 1) "COVID-19", 2) From: Your facility name, 3) To: SHL

#### Delivery

Samples may be delivered to SHL via CDS courier, shipped by UPS or FedEx overnight, or in person during business hours. Visit <https://covidtesting.shl.uiowa.edu/> > Specimen Delivery for details.

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