



**G-2V Virology Specimen Submission Form (Sept 2017)**  
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**Place DSHS Bar Code Label Here**

**Section 1. SUBMITTER INFORMATION - (\*\* REQUIRED)**

Submitter/TPI Number **		Submitter Name **	
NPI Number **		Address **	
City **		State **	Zip Code **
Phone **		Contact	
Fax **		Clinic Code	

**Section 2. PATIENT INFORMATION - (\*\* REQUIRED)**

NOTE: Patient name on specimen is REQUIRED & MUST match name on this form & Medicaid/Medicare card. Specimen must have two (2) identifiers that match this form.

Last Name **		First Name **		MI
Address **			Telephone Number	
City **		State **	Zip Code **	Country of Origin / Bi-National ID #
DOB (mm/dd/yyyy) **	Age	Sex **	SSN	Pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Race: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian / Native Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander		Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Date of Collection ** (REQUIRED)	Time of Collection <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	Collected By		
Medical Record #	Alien # / CUI / CDC ID	Previous DSHS Specimen Lab Number		
ICD Diagnosis Code ** (1)		ICD Diagnosis Code ** (2)		ICD Diagnosis Code ** (3)
Date of Onset	Diagnosis / Symptoms		Risk	
<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Outbreak association:		<input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance

**Section 3. SPECIMEN SOURCE OR TYPE**

<input type="checkbox"/> Abscess (site) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nasopharyngeal: <input type="checkbox"/> wash <input type="checkbox"/> swab <input type="checkbox"/> aspirate
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood	<input type="checkbox"/> Nasal Swab
<input type="checkbox"/> Bone marrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Nasal Wash
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronchial washings	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral fluid
<input type="checkbox"/> Buccal swab	<input type="checkbox"/> Rectal swab
<input type="checkbox"/> CSF	<input type="checkbox"/> Serum:
<input type="checkbox"/> Eye	Acute date: ___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> Feces/stool	Conval. date: ___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesion (site) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sputum: Induced
<input type="checkbox"/> Lymph node (site) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sputum: Natural
<input type="checkbox"/> Throat swab	<input type="checkbox"/> Tissue (site) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Urine	<input type="checkbox"/> Urethral
<input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Wound (site) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

**Section 4. VIROLOGY**

<input type="checkbox"/> Electron Microscopy
<input type="checkbox"/> Influenza surveillance (Influenza real-time RT-PCR) Vaccine received: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date vaccine received: _____ Travel history (if known): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles, real-time RT-PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> Mumps, real-time RT-PCR
<input type="checkbox"/> MERS Coronavirus (Novel coronavirus) ++++ <b>Prior authorization required.</b> ++++ Call Infectious Disease (512) 776-7676 for authorization
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

**Section 5. ORDERING PHYSICIAN INFORMATION - (\*\* REQUIRED)**

Ordering Physician's NPI Number **	Ordering Physician's Name **
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**Section 6. PAYOR SOURCE - (REQUIRED)**

1. Reflex testing will be performed when necessary and the appropriate party will be billed.
2. If the patient does not meet program eligibility requirements for the test requested and no third party payor will cover the testing, **the submitter will be billed.**
3. Medicare generally does not pay for screening tests-please refer to applicable Third party payor guidelines for instructions regarding covered tests, benefit limitations, medical necessity determinations and Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) requirements.
4. If Medicaid or Medicare is indicated, the Medicaid/Medicare number is required. Please **write** it in the space provided below.
5. If private insurance is indicated, the required billing information below is designated with an asterisk (\*).
6. **Check only one box** below to indicate whether we should bill the submitter, Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, or DSHS Program.

Medicaid (2)  Medicare (8)

Medicaid/Medicare #:

<input type="checkbox"/> Submitter (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance (4)
<input type="checkbox"/> BIDS (1720)	<input type="checkbox"/> TB Elimination (1619)
<input type="checkbox"/> BT Grant (1719)	<input type="checkbox"/> Title X (12)
<input type="checkbox"/> HIV / STD (1608)	<input type="checkbox"/> Title XX (13)
<input type="checkbox"/> IDEAS (1610)	<input type="checkbox"/> TX CLPPP (9)
<input type="checkbox"/> Immunizations (1609)	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoonosis (1620)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

HMO / Managed Care / Insurance Company Name *		
Address *		
City *	State *	Zip Code *
Responsible Party (Last Name, First Name) *		
Insurance Phone Number *	Responsible Party's Insurance ID Number *	
Group Name	Group Number	

"I hereby authorize the release of information related to the services described here and hereby assign any benefits to which I am entitled to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Laboratory Services Section."  
**Signature of patient or responsible party.**

Signature \* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \* \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 7. ARBOVIRUSES**

<input type="checkbox"/> Zika, Dengue, and/or Chikungunya
<input type="checkbox"/> Arbovirus IgM (West Nile, St. Louis Encephalitis) ▲
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

NOTE: DSHS may test for Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya, West Nile (WN), St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) and/or other emerging arboviruses, as needed. Serology, PCR, or both will be performed at DSHS and the testing methodology and specific viruses analyzed will be based on clinical symptoms and current epidemiological testing criteria. Testing may initially be performed to identify a specific suspected virus or viruses. Reflex testing may be ordered based on initial results and/or approval of additional testing. In some instances, specimens may also be forwarded to CDC for further testing.

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Testing Criteria? <input type="checkbox"/> Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not Met			
PCR:	Serology:	Initials:	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> C		
<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> D		
<input type="checkbox"/> Z	<input type="checkbox"/> Z		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			

**▲ REQUIRED for incubated shipments or cold/frozen shipments, if stored in an appliance prior to shipping.**

Indicate removal from:	DATE	TIME
<input type="checkbox"/> FREEZER <input type="checkbox"/> REFRIGERATOR <input type="checkbox"/> INCUBATOR		(hr min) AM PM

NOTES: All dates must be entered in mm/dd/yyyy format.  
 ▲ = Document date & time specimens were INCUBATED or if stored in an appliance prior to shipping, document date & time specimens were removed from FREEZER / REFRIGERATOR in the bottom box.  
 Please see the form's instructions for details on how to complete this form. Visit: <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/>.

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Specimen Received:  Room Temp.  Cold  Frozen

## G-2V Virology Specimen Submission Form Instructions

For mailing and specimen packaging information, visit DSHS Laboratory Services Section's web page at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/>.

The specimen submission form **must** accompany **each** specimen.

The patient's name listed on the specimen **must** match the patient's name listed on the form.

Specimen must have two (2) identifiers that match the form.

If the Date of Collection field is not completed or is inaccurate, the specimen will be rejected.

**Place DSHS Bar Code Label Here:** Leave this space blank. It is for DSHS Lab Staff Use ONLY.

### Section 1. SUBMITTER INFORMATION

All submitter information that is required is marked with double asterisks (\*\*).

**Submitter/TPI number, Submitter name and Address:** The submitter number is a unique number that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Laboratory Services Section assigns to each of our submitters. To obtain a Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) number, contact Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) at 1-800-925-9126.

To request a DSHS Laboratory Services Section submitter number, a master form, or to update submitter information, please call (888) 963-7111 x7578 or (512) 776-7578, or fax (512) 776-7533 or visit [http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/mrs\\_forms.shtml#email](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/mrs_forms.shtml#email).

**NPI Number:** Indicate the facility's 10-digit NPI number. All health care providers must use the National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. To obtain an NPI number, contact the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) toll free at (800) 465-3203 or via their web site at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>.

**Indicate the submitter's name, address, city, state, and zip code. Please print clearly, use a pre-printed label, or use a legible photocopy of a master form provided by the Laboratory Services Section. Do not use any specimen submission forms with "SAMPLE" watermarked on it.** For updates or changes to submitter information, please contact Lab Reporting at (512) 776-7578.

**Contact Information:** Indicate the name, telephone number, and fax number of the person to contact at the submitting facility in case the laboratory needs additional information about the specimen/isolate.

**Clinic Code:** Provide, if applicable. This is a code that the submitter furnishes to help them identify which satellite office submits a specimen and to help the submitter identify where the lab report belongs, if the submitter has a primary mailing address with satellite offices.

### Section 2. PATIENT INFORMATION

Complete all patient information including date of collection, time of collection, previous DSHS specimen lab number, last name, first name, middle initial, address, city, state, zip code, country of origin telephone number, date of birth (DOB), date and time of collection, collected by, sex, social security number (SSN), pregnant, race, ethnicity, medical record number, alien#/CUI, previous DSHS#, ICD diagnosis codes, , date of onset, diagnosis/symptoms, risk, and mark either inpatient/outpatient, outbreak association, and/or surveillance.

**NOTE:** The patient's name listed on the specimen **must** match the patient's name listed on the specimen submission form.

All specimens must be labeled with at least two patient specific identifiers; both a primary and a secondary identifier. The identifiers must appear on both the primary specimen container (or card) and the associated specimen submission form. Specimens that do not meet this criteria **will be considered unsatisfactory** for testing.

Acceptable identifiers are listed below:

List of Acceptable Identifiers (2 identifiers are required to make a positive ID)	Identifier Type (Patient Name + at least 1 secondary ID)
Patient Name (last name, first name)	Primary (required)
Date of Birth	Secondary (preferred)
Medical Record Number	Secondary
Social Security Number	Secondary
Medicaid Number	Secondary
Newborn Screening Kit Number	Secondary
CDC Number	Secondary

Information that is required to bill Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance has been marked with double asterisks (\*\*). You may use a pre-printed patient label.

**Patient Name:** If patient is covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or Private Insurance, the name on the specimen form and specimen must match the name on the Medicaid, Medicare, and insurance card, respectively.

**Date of Birth (DOB):** Please list the date of birth. If the date of birth is not provided or is inaccurate, the specimen may be rejected.

**Pregnant:** Indicate if female patient is pregnant by marking either Yes, No, or Unknown.

**Date of Collection/Time of Collection:** Indicate the date and time the specimen was collected from the patient or other source. Do not give the date the specimen was sent to DSHS. **IMPORTANT: If the Date of Collection field is not completed or is inaccurate, the specimen will be rejected.**

**Collected By:** Clearly indicate the individual who collected the specimen.

**Medical Record # / Alien # / CUI:** Provide the identification number for matching purposes. CUI is the Clinic Unique Identifier number.

**Previous DSHS Specimen Lab Number:** If this patient has had a previous specimen submitted to the DSHS Laboratory, please provide the DSHS specimen lab number.

**ICD Diagnosis Code(s), Country of Origin, Date of Onset, Diagnosis/Symptoms, and Risk (if applicable):** Indicate the diagnosis code or findings that would help in processing, identifying, and billing of this specimen/isolate. If the patient's country of origin is not the U.S., then please provide the patient's country of origin.

**Inpatient or Outpatient (if applicable):** Indicate if the patient is currently admitted to a hospital (required for TB patients).

**Outbreak/Surveillance (if applicable):** Tell us whether the specimen/isolate is part of an outbreak or cluster, or if the specimen is for routine surveillance. If the specimen is being submitted because of an outbreak, write in the associated name of the outbreak next to the outbreak box. If this form is being submitted for flu surveillance, the following patient information is required: Date of Onset, Date of Collection, Diagnosis/Symptoms, and Risk. Dates must be entered into the **Date of Onset** and **Date of Collection** boxes. In the **Diagnosis/Symptoms** box, list all the symptoms from the following list that apply: 1) malaise, 2) sore throat, 3) nasal congestion, 4) fever, 5) chills, 6) cough, 7) headache, 8) myalgia.

### Section 3. SPECIMEN SOURCE OR TYPE

**Specimen Source or Type:** Indicate the kind of material you are submitting or the source of the specimen or isolate. Tests requiring Acute/Convalescent sera and dates are indicated with a '\$' in the testing area of the specimen submission form.

**TEST**

**Test Requested:** Check or specify the specific test(s) to be performed by the DSHS Laboratory Services Section. For specific test instructions, see the Laboratory Services Section's web site at <http://www.dshs.state.tx/lab/>. To cancel a test that is marked in error on the specimen submission form, mark one line through the test name, write "error", and initial.

Serum specimens must be refrigerated or frozen, depending on the test requested. DO NOT FREEZE serum separator tubes. *The time and date the specimen is removed from REFRIGERATOR or FREEZER must be provided to determine specimen acceptability. Please mark REFRIGERATOR or FREEZER accordingly.*

**Section 4. VIROLOGY**

For flu surveillance specimens: Except in certain situations (epidemiological investigations, other public health outbreaks, seasonal changes, etc.), influenza surveillance specimens will not initially receive viral isolation. Specimens submitted for influenza surveillance will be initially screened for Influenza A and Influenza B using the CDC real time RT-PCR assay for detection of influenza. All positive Influenza A specimens will be sub-typed for seasonal H1, seasonal H3, or 2009 Influenza H1N1. Viral isolation in tissue culture will be performed during off-peak influenza months (i.e., summer) or as dictated by the circulation of a significant strain of the influenza virus.

**Section 7. ARBOVIRUSES**

If Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya, West Nile (WN) and/or St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) is/are suspected, please select the box(es) in Section 7. Serology, PCR, or both will be performed at DSHS and the testing methodology and specific viruses approved for testing will be based on clinical symptoms and epidemiological criteria. In some instances, specimens may also be forwarded to CDC for further testing.

**Prior to shipping:** Contact your Local Health Department or DSHS Health Service Region (<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/Regions/lhds.shtml>) to ensure patient meets criteria for testing. For further information please go to <http://www.texaszika.org>.

NOTE: Do not use the G-2A Specimen Submission Form to request any Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya, West Nile (WN) and/or St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) serology testing. Please use the G-2V Specimen Submission Form for these tests.

REMINDER: If ordering Zika, Dengue, and/or Chikungunya, please mark "Zoonosis" as the Payor Source.

**Section 5. ORDERING PHYSICIAN INFORMATION**

**Ordering Physician's name and NPI Number:** Provide the physician's NPI number and name. **This information is required to bill Medicaid, Medicare, and insurance.**

**Section 6. PAYOR SOURCE**

**THE SUBMITTER WILL BE BILLED**, if the required billing information is not provided, is inaccurate, or multiple payor boxes are checked.

Indicate the party that will receive the bill by marking only one box.

**Please do not use this form for THSteps or medical check-ups; use the G-THSTEPS specimen submission form.**

If selecting Medicaid or Medicare:

- Mark the appropriate box.
- Write in the Medicaid or Medicare number.
- If the patient name on the form does not match the name on the Medicaid/Medicare card, the submitter will be billed.
- Patient's DOB and address must be provided.

If selecting Private Insurance:

- Mark the appropriate box.
- Complete all fields on the form that have an asterisk (\*).
- If the insurance information is not provided on the specimen form or is inaccurate, the submitter will be billed.
- Patient's DOB and address must be provided.

If selecting a DSHS Program:

- If you are contracting and/or approved by a DSHS program to provide services that require laboratory testing, please indicate which program. For program descriptions, see the Laboratory Services Section's web site at [http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/prog\\_desc.htm](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/prog_desc.htm).
- **Do NOT check a DSHS program as a Payor Source if the patient has Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance.**
- For BIDS (Border & Infectious Disease Surveillance), CLPPP or IDEAS, check the appropriate box. Please check the "Other" box and list the program's name in the space provided if necessary.

**HMO / Managed Care / Insurance Company:** Print the name, address, city, state, and zip code of the insurance company to be billed. If all insurance information is not provided on the specimen form, the submitter will be billed. **NOTE:** The DSHS laboratories are not an in-network CHIP or CHIP Perinate provider. If CHIP or CHIP Perinate is indicated, the submitter will be billed.

**Responsible Party:** Print the Last Name, First Name of the responsible party, the insurance ID number, insurance company's phone number, group name, and group number.

**Signature and Date:** Have the responsible party sign and date to authorize the release of their information, if DSHS is to bill their insurance or HMO.

**REFLEX & REFERENCE TESTING:**

Please note that additional testing procedures (i.e., reflex testing) will be performed when necessary and clinically indicated by the initial lab test results. Reflex testing will be billed to the appropriate payor in addition to the original test requested. This is particularly applicable to microbiology testing and other laboratory testing requiring confirmation or further diagnostic work.

All reference tests will be billed to the submitter at the prevailing reference laboratory's price with the addition of a handling fee.

For specific test instructions and information about tube types, see the Laboratory Services Section's web site at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/>.