

Texas DSHS Laboratory NEW guidance for collection and shipping of specimens for:

Chlamydia trachomatis and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* testing by amplified RNA probe

Acceptable Specimen Types and Collection:

Collect specimens using the appropriate collection device, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Vaginal, Rectal, Penile Meatal, or Oral (Throat) Swabs

Collection Kit: Aptima Multitest Swab Collection Kit

Specimen Storage and Receipt Requirements:

Vaginal swabs: After collection, transport and store the swab in the swab specimen transport tube at 2°C to 30°C.

Extragenital (rectal and throat) swab specimens: After collection, transport and store the swab in the swab specimen transport tube between 4°C and 30°C, or -20°C and -70°C.

Swab specimens must be received within 58 days of collection.



Urine

Collection Kit: Aptima Urine Specimen Collection Kit

Specimen Storage and Receipt Requirements:

Transfer the urine sample into the Aptima urine specimen transport tube within 24 hours of collection. Store at 2°C to 30°C. Specimens must be received within 28 days of collection.



Female Endocervical and Male Urethral Swabs

Collection Kit: Aptima Unisex Specimen Collection Kit

Specimen Storage and Receipt Requirements:

After collection, transport and store the swab in the swab specimen transport tube at 2°C to 30°C. Specimens must be received within 58 days of collection.



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