



Public Health
Laboratory

Quantiferon - TB Gold Plus Test Guidance

Testing methodology: A blood test used to detect latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) and active TB infection caused by *M. tuberculosis*.

Turnaround time: Four business days

Preferred Specimens

- Whole blood in a lithium heparin tube (at least 5mL).
- Blood collected in a lithium-heparin tube must be maintained at room temperature (17-25°C) for no more than 12 hours from the time of collection or refrigerated (2-8°C) for up to 48 hours.

Specimen Storage and Shipping

- The specimens should be stored and transported at 2-8°C.
- Use sufficient frozen cold packs in an insulated cooler to maintain refrigerated temperature.

Specimen Testing

- Phone: (800) 722-4794 (available during business hours, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
- After hours phone: (800) 472-2376 (available after hours, weekends, and holidays)

Additional Information

- Complete the SBCPHL Laboratory Requisition Form for each specimen.
- If applicable, include the contact information of the communicable disease investigator assigned to the case.
- Send the submittal form by secure email to dphlab@dph.sbcounty.gov; include hard copy with specimens.

Ship approved specimens to:

**San Bernardino County Public Health
Laboratory**
150 E. Holt Blvd.
1st Floor Lab Receiving
Ontario, CA 91761

Questions about specimen collection, submittal, or shipping: Please contact SBCPHL at (909) 458-9430 during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or e-mail dphlab@dph.sbcounty.gov.

For Questions



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