

***(Effective until January 1, 2023)***

**WAC 246-101-210 Means of specimen submission.** (1) When submitting specimens as indicated in Table Lab-1 of WAC 246-101-201, laboratories shall adhere to the following timelines and procedures:

(a) Specimens designated for submission within two business days must be in transit within two business days from the time the specimen is ready for packaging;

(b) Specimens designated for submission on request may be requested by the local health departments or the department. The laboratory shall ship a requested specimen within two business days of receiving the request, provided the specimen is still available at the time of the request. This is not intended to require laboratories to save specimens indefinitely in anticipation of a request.

(2) Local health jurisdictions may temporarily waive specimen submission for circumstances at their discretion by communication with individual laboratories.

(3) Laboratories shall forward all required specimen submissions to:

Washington State Public Health Laboratories  
Washington State Department of Health  
1610 N.E. 150th Street  
Shoreline, WA 98155

(4) The state health officer may designate additional laboratories as public health referral laboratories.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 11-02-065, § 246-101-210, filed 1/4/11, effective 2/4/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050, 70.24.125 and 70.28.010. WSR 00-23-120, § 246-101-210, filed 11/22/00, effective 12/23/00.]

***(Effective January 1, 2023)***

**WAC 246-101-210 Means of specimen submission—Laboratory directors and laboratories.** (1) A laboratory director shall submit specimens as required in Table Lab-1 of WAC 246-101-201 in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

(2) For test results notifiable to local health jurisdictions, the local health officer may temporarily waive specimen submission requirements and notify laboratories, including the Washington state public health laboratories, of the basis for the waiver, which requirements are being waived and how long the waiver will be in effect.

(3) A laboratory shall forward required specimens to:

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(4) The state health officer may designate additional laboratories as public health reference laboratories.

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