



Submission protocol for providers: Testing of suspect measles and mumps cases
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1. If measles or mumps is suspected in a patient, the first step is to contact the communicable disease group of the patient's county of residence. A communicable disease nurse will assist with verifying that the patient meets the case definition and is approved for testing. Contact numbers for communicable disease in the Napa, Solano, Yolo, and Marin counties are listed below:
 - a. Napa County Communicable Disease—Phone: (707) 253-4231
 - b. Solano County Communicable Disease—Phone: (707) 784-8001
 - c. Yolo County H&HS Agency, Communicable Diseases—Phone: (530) 666-8645
 - d. Marin County Communicable Disease Prevention & Control—Phone: (415) 473-4163
2. Once a suspect case is approved for testing and specimens have been collected, the next step is to arrange for specimen pick-up by contacting the laboratory at (707) 784-4410. A separate requisition form must accompany each specimen and be completed prior to pick-up. The laboratory will then send a courier to the clinic location, usually within one business day. The laboratory also provides collection containers (e.g., viral transport or urine containers) upon request. Information on specimen collection and storage as well as downloadable requisition forms be found on the laboratory's website:
<https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/bureaus/laboratory/default.asp>

PCR testing for measles or mumps will typically be completed with 1 to 2 business days depending on the degree of suspicion and urgency. After testing, results will be faxed to the submitter and to communicable disease.

If a measles or mumps specimen has not been approved for testing but has been sent to the laboratory, testing will be performed but the submitter will be billed for testing services.

The laboratory also acts as a conduit to route specimens to the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Prevention & Control for specialized reference testing. For information on additional services or other questions, please contact the laboratory at (707) 784-4410 or refer to our website.

Sincerely,

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