

Measles Testing – VDH Test Orderable in EPIC

Orderable: Measles [LAB1233937]

Effective June 12th, 2025, measles testing through the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is orderable in EPIC under the test name MEASLES. Testing requires pre-approval from VDH.

Procedure: The Measles test order in EPIC walks you through the below instructions step-by-step.

- 1) **Call/Approval for Testing:** Call VDH to request permission for testing and document who approved testing in the EPIC test order.
 - i. VDH Phone numbers:
 1. Richmond Main Campus: Normal Business Hours: 804-382-4363
a. After hours and weekends: 1-866-531-3068
 2. CMH: 434-265-0020
 3. TAPP: 804-396-5351
- 2) **Call the Laboratory for a measles collection kit.**
 - i. Main Campus: 804-628-4000
 - ii. CMH: 434-584-5274
 - iii. Tappahannock: 804-443-6172
- 3) **Fill out the “DCLS Test Request Form”** located here: [Submission Forms](#) and submit a form with each specimen. Fill out all sections of the form except for the submitting facility address, phone, and fax. This will be filled out by the VCU Health Laboratory receiving your specimens for send-out.
- 4) **Collect [instructions](#)**
- 5) **Send samples and DCLS Test Request Forms to the VCU Health Main Campus/CMH/TAPP laboratory as you would for any specimen. The laboratory will facilitate sending the specimens to VDH/DCLS for testing.**
- 6) **For patients admitted at the Richmond Main Campus, page the Epidemiology Team at 4085.**

Acceptable Specimen Types		
Method	Specimen	Container
Respiratory PCR	Nasopharyngeal swab	Viral Transport Media (VTM) – primary
	Oropharyngeal swab	Viral Transport Media (VTM)*
Urine for PCR	10 – 50 mL urine	Sterile cup*
Serum Serology	5 – 10 mL blood	5 – 10 mL Tiger Top SST*
		2 mL Red Top*

*** DENOTES SECONDARY SPECIMENS – WILL ONLY BE TESTED IF ACCOMPANIED BY PRIMARY SPECIMEN.**

For questions, please contact Pathology Client Services at (804) 828-7284 or Microbiology at (804) 628-4000. The Main Campus Microbiology Director on-call pager is 4075.