



SPECIMEN STABILITY GUIDELINES & ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

All specimens received at Prime Path Lab must meet the criteria listed below to be accepted for processing.
Failure to meet these criteria may result in specimens being rejected outright upon receipt.

- Specimens **must** be accompanied by a fully filled-out test requisition form, which includes the date of collection.
- Specimens must be clearly labeled with the following identifiers, as they appear on the patient's test requisition form:
Full First Name, **Full** Last Name, **Full** Date of Birth.
- Specimens **must** contain a minimum volume/quantity to sustain testing.
- Specimens **must** be packed **one sample to a biohazard bag**. Multiple biohazard bags can be shipped together, but each individual sample **must** be in its **own** biohazard bag.
- Specimens **must** not have been compromised or contaminated by other surrounding specimen spills, improperly sealed specimen containers, or poorly sealed shipping containers.
- Specimens **must** be received within the acceptable stability window and on the appropriate collection kit/device for the test(s) ordered.

COLLECTION KITS/DEVICES AND STABILITY WINDOWS ARE AS

NGS (Genetics) & PGx (Pharmacogenomics):

- DNAGenotek OCD-100 Buccal Swab — Ninety (90) Days from Collection

Urine Drug Testing:

- Sterile Urine Vacutainer Tube (Yellow Top, No Additive) — Twelve (12) Days from Collection

Oral Toxicology:

- Quantisal Immunanalysis Oral Fluid Collection Device — Ten (10) Days from Collection

Respiratory Pathogen Panel (RPP) / Mini Flu Panel:

- Viral Transport Medium (VTM) Collection Device (Nasal Swab) — Seven (7) Days from Collection

Urinary Tract Infection (UTI):

- C&S Urine Vacutainer Tube (Gray Top, with Additive) — Five (5) Days from Collection

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI/STD):

- C&S Urine Vacutainer Tube (Gray Top, with Additive) — Five (5) Days from Collection
- ESwab Collection & Transport System (Vaginal or Penile Swab) — Five (5) Days from Collection

Wound Pathogen Panel:

- ESwab Collection & Transport System (Swabbed Locally) — Five (5) Days from Collection

Nail Fungal Panel:

- Sterile Specimen Transport Container, No Medium (Nail Clipping) — Fourteen (14) Days from Collection

ENT Pathogen Panel

- Viral Transport Medium (VTM) for Nasal Swab or Molecular Transport Medium (MTM) for Ear Fluid/Discharge — Seven (7) Days from Collection

Eye/Ocular Pathogen Panel

- Molecular Transport Medium (MTM) — Seven (7) Days from Collection