

***Bordetella pertussis* (Isolate or PCR-Positive Specimen)**

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Test description	Referral of <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> isolates or PCR-positive specimens from upper respiratory tract specimens as part of the surveillance study for the Emerging Infections Program.
Test Use	Surveillance study as part of the Emerging Infections Program.
Test Department	Microbiology Phone: (860) 920-6596, FAX (860) 920-6721
Methodology	Bacterial culture on selective media
Availability	Daily, Monday-Friday
Specimen requirements	<i>B. pertussis</i> isolates inoculated onto Regan Lowe agar slant. Any PCR-positive <i>B. pertussis</i> specimens.
Collection Kit/Container	N/A
Collection Instructions	N/A
Specimen Handling & Transport	Transport to the laboratory as soon as possible. Store and transport isolates at room temperature (15-25°C). PCR-positive specimens should be transported with ice packs. Avoid temperature extremes.
Unacceptable conditions	Unlabeled specimens Specimens that have leaked or containers that have broken in transit Specimens submitted on expired media
Requisition Form	Clinical Test Requisition OL-9B (select <i>Bordetella pertussis</i>)
Required Information	Name and address of submitter. Two patient identifiers (ie.name, DOB, Acc.#, MRN), town of residence (city, state, zip). Specimen type or site of collection, date collected, and test requested Please ensure information on the requisition matches the specimen.