

Ordering recommendation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain a minimum of two stool specimens collected 24 hours apart from patients with suspected poliomyelitis ideally within 14 days of onset The NML requisition for Enteroviruses and Enteric viruses must be filled out and accompany the samples 	
Specimen Requirements	
Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stool (unpreserved)
Container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preferred Collection Container: <u>Sterile Wide Mouth Screw Cap Container</u>
Required Volume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum amount: 5 grams
Collection procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect stool without contaminating with urine or water Immediately add fresh stool to a sterile specimen container without preservative or transport media Send to lab as soon as possible. Specimen to be stored at 2-8°C until delivery to the lab <i>For laboratory only:</i> Specimens may be held at 2-8°C for up to 72 hours prior to testing. If it will be longer than 72 hours from collection to receipt at RRPL, freeze specimen immediately after collection and submit frozen (-20°C to -80°C)
Stability/ Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrigerated: 3 days; Frozen : 28 days
Grounds for Rejection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimens received where the collection protocols were not followed <u>Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Acceptance and Rejection Criteria</u>
Testing Information	
Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shipped daily Monday to Friday
Testing Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred out by St. Paul's Hospital Laboratory to National Microbiology laboratory via Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory
Requisition Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>NML requisition</u>
SHR LIS Test Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POLIO (For Lab Use Only)