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To: Sentinel Laboratory Directors, Managers, and Supervisors

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Re: Zika virus serum collection and shipping guidelines

Serum collected in the usual manner for serological testing is the preferred specimen; 0.5 mL serum is adequate, up to 1.0 mL is preferable (at least 1.0-2.0 mL blood in serum separator tube).

Acute specimens collected <7 days from the onset of symptoms will be tested by **PCR**, and ideally should be aliquoted, **frozen** and shipped to CT DPH Laboratory on dry ice.

Specimens collected >5 days from the onset of symptoms for **antibody testing** can be aliquoted and shipped to CT DPH Laboratory with a cold pack (**no need to be frozen**).

For other specimen types, or any other questions, please contact the State Public Health Laboratory at **860-920-6635 or 860-920-6506**

Thank you.

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