



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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| Test Title | Rabies Virus Direct Detection in Animal Brain Tissue Methodology: Direct Fluorescent Antibody |
| Sample Requirements | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All rabies testing at IBL requires pre-approval from the Public Health District Office or state-level epidemiologist.2. Sample type: Submit removed head of small animals. Submit whole body of bats only.3. Contact the Dept. of Agriculture (208-332-8570) for livestock or large animals to be tested.4. Only qualified personnel preferably with rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis should perform head removal.5. Rejection criteria: specimens received in a degraded state or lacking appropriate brain tissues (e.g. cerebellum, hippocampus or spinal cord) |
| Sampling Materials | Sample container: Bat or small animal head should be double-bagged within a leak proof container. A biohazard symbol must be present on the bag. If hand-delivered, the outer container should state "Clinical Specimen". |
| Procedural Notes | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rabies Test Request Form2. Contact the IBL Rabies Laboratory at 208-334-0593 before requesting the test. Testing is performed only in cases of human, pet or domestic animal exposure.3. CPT Code: N/A |
| Shipping Instructions | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Temperature/preservative instructions: Refrigeration, do not freeze.2. If mailed via FedEx or USPS, package according to Biological Substance, Category B, shipping guidelines.3. Ship to: Idaho Bureau of Laboratories ATTENTION: Rabies Laboratory 2220 Old Penitentiary Rd Boise, ID 83712 |
| Reporting and Turnaround Time (TAT) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. TAT: 2 business days2. This disease must be reported to your local health district or to the state Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention according to the rules and regulations governing Idaho reportable diseases (IDAPA 16.02.10).3. Reference Range: N/A |