



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE  
**DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

<b>Test Title</b>	<b>Norovirus Detection of RNA in Clinical Samples</b> <b>Methodology: RT-PCR</b>
<b>Sample Requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sample type: Only fresh stool and vomitus specimens (collected within first 72 hours of symptoms onset and kept cold (2-8°C), not frozen) in orange top Para-Pak containers or other sterile containers that do not contain preservatives. Preferably, stools should conform to the shape of the container, as a well-formed stool rarely yields virus.</li><li>2. Rejection Criteria: Rectal swabs are not acceptable.</li></ol>
<b>Sampling Materials</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sample container: Sterile screw cap cup for fresh specimens or orange top Para-Pak C &amp; S containers</li></ol>
<b>Procedural Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <a href="#">Clinical Test Request Form</a></li><li>2. CPT code: 87798</li><li>3. Contact Idaho Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention at 208-334-5939 before requesting this test.</li><li>4. This test is used for investigations of gastroenteritis outbreaks only; 2 or more specimens are required for outbreak investigation purposes.</li></ol>
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Temperature/preservative instructions: refrigerated (2-8°C)</li><li>2. Package according to Biological Substance, Category B, shipping guidelines.</li><li>3. Ship to: Idaho Bureau of Laboratories <b>ATTENTION: Virology Laboratory</b> 2220 Old Penitentiary Rd Boise, ID 83712</li></ol>
<b>Reporting and Turnaround Time (TAT)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. TAT: 2 business days</li><li>2. This disease must be reported to the local public health district or to Idaho Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention according to the rules and regulations governing the Idaho reportable diseases (IDAPA 16.02.10).</li><li>3. Reference Range: N/A</li></ol>