



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Test Title	Botulinum toxins (Botulism)
SPECIAL NOTE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>For all clinical samples</u>, please contact your State or public health district epidemiologist for information and guidance.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention: 208-334-5939b. Panhandle Health District: 208-415-5101c. North Central Health District: 208-799-0349d. Southwest District Health: 208-454-7722e. Central District Health Department: 208-327-7100f. South Central Public Health: 208-734-9502g. Southeastern Idaho Public Health: 208-234-7169h. Eastern Idaho Public Health District: 208-525-7063i. <i>After hours</i>, contact State Communications: 800-632-80002. For food, water or environmental samples, see below.
Sample Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Specimen type: See Table 1 below for full listing of specimen types, requirements, special instructions and rejection criteria.
Sampling Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sample container: See Table 1 below.
Procedural Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Biological Threat Food/Environmental Test Request Form for submitting food, water, or environmental samples2. For all samples suspected of containing a biological threat agent, contact the IBL Microbiology Section <u>before</u> sample collection and/or submission. TEL: 208-334-22353. See Table 1 below for sample specific procedural notes.
Shipping Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Temperature/preservative instructions: Store and transport at 4°C.2. Please call IBL for proper shipping instructions3. Ship to: Idaho Bureau of Laboratories ATTN: LRN-B Laboratory 2220 Old Penitentiary Rd Boise, ID 83712
Reporting and Turnaround Time (TAT)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. TAT: 1-15 business days

Table 1. Botulinum Toxins Sampling Guidelines

Sample type	Sampling materials	Sample collection	Procedural Notes	Sample rejection criteria
Food	Sterile, non-glass, leak-proof, unbreakable container	Foods should be left in their original containers if possible. Empty containers with remnants of suspected foods can be examined.	Place containers individually in leak-proof containers (e.g., sealed plastic bags) to prevent cross-contamination during shipment.	Unlabeled or improperly packaged specimens that are leaking or otherwise compromised
Water or environmental	Contact Idaho Bureau of Laboratories <u>before</u> sample collection or submission.	Place specimen in container with anaerobic transport media.		