



# **DCLS Tuberculosis Laboratory**

Sample Submission Reminders

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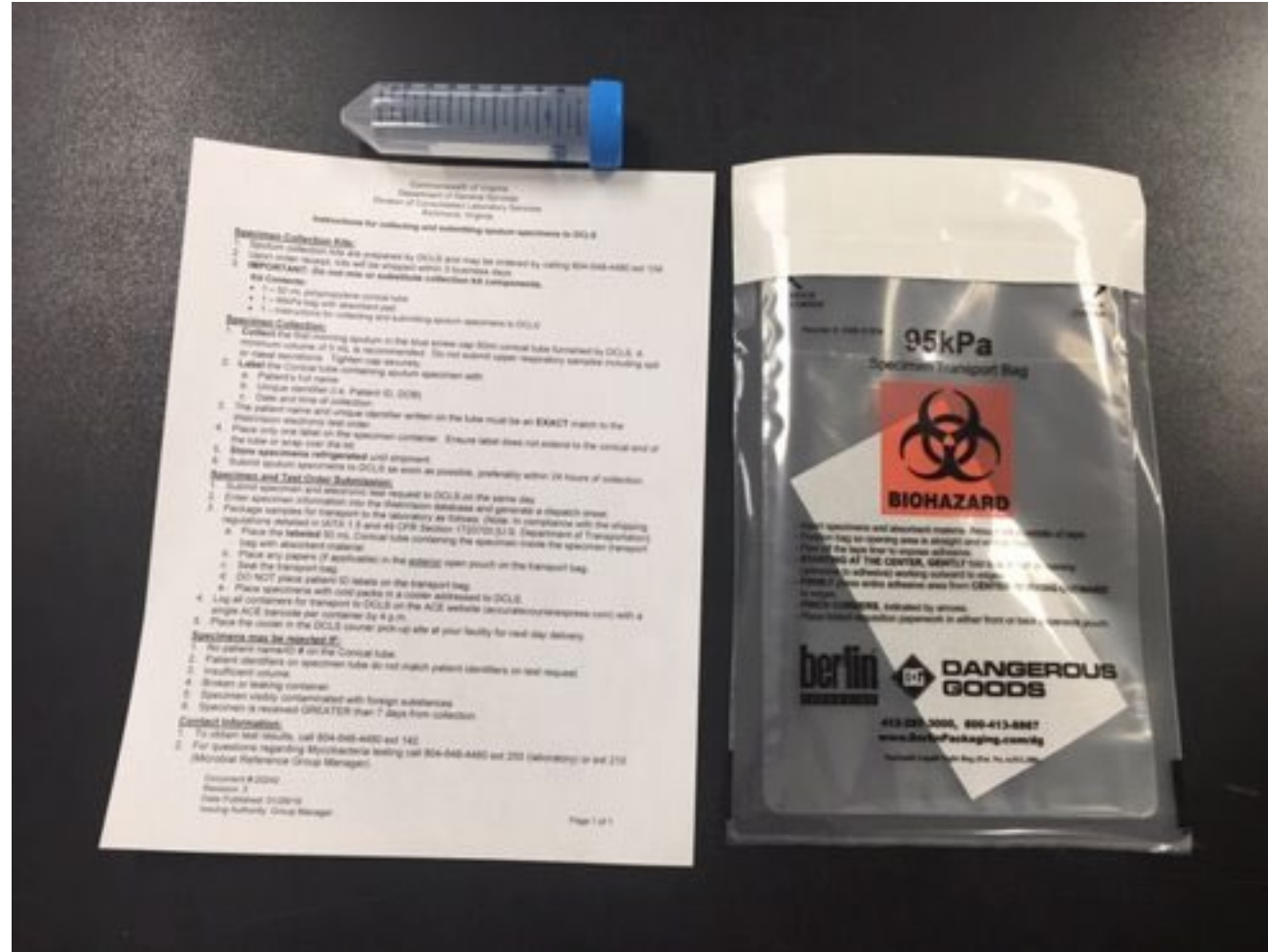


# Sample Requirements

- Sputa that is thick, not watery
- 5 mL volume optimal
- Properly labeled with 2 unique patient identifiers and collection date/time
- Store samples in the refrigerator
- Send to the lab ASAP
  - Package sample in cooler with ice/cool packs



# DCLS Sputa Collection Kit



# One sample per bag



# Rejection Criteria

- Improperly labeled
- Insufficient sample volume
- Leaked sample
- Visibly contaminated with foreign substance
- Too old (>7 days from collection)
- Samples collected <8 hours apart
- Sample received outside temperature range (<2°C or >30°C)



# DCLS Courier

- Sample pickup from [designated locations](#) Monday-Friday
- Check website for [Observed Holidays](#)
- TB laboratory operates M-F
  - Samples sent on the courier Friday will not be processed until Monday (or next business day)
- DCLS - [Packaging Clinical Samples Guide](#)



# Resources

- [Recommended Sputum Collection Schedule](#)
- [Sputum Guide for Clients](#)
- [Sputum Collection Tips for Healthcare Workers](#)
- [How to Collect and Process Sputum in Webvision](#)



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