

HUMAN HERPES VIRUS TYPE 6

Orderable – HHV6

Turnaround Time: Up to 7 days

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Specimen Type	Minimum Volume	Collection Kit
Whole Blood	3.0 mL	EDTA (Lavender top tube)
CSF (for encephalitis cases only)	300 uL	Sterile Container



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
RT-PCR



Test Schedule:
Referred out Monday-
Thursday



Referred to:
The Hospital for Sick
Children (SickKids)

Special Processing:

HHV6 testing must be approved by the Microbiologist on-call and one of the following criteria met:

- 1) Primary infection or viral reactivation in immunocompromised individuals.
- 2) Encephalitis cases in immunocompromised individuals

Storage and Shipment:

Samples must be transported to the lab within 4 hours of collection.