

GASTRO- INTESTINAL VIRUS

Orderable - GIVP

Turnaround Time: Up to 4 days

Specimen Type and Collection information:

Please review the Public Health Ontario Laboratory Test Information Index:

Gastroenteritis – Stool Viruses

Specimen Type	Minimum Volume	Collection Kit
Stool	1.0 – 2.0 grams	Sterile container

For inpatient, institutional or outbreak specimens, collect within 48 hours of onset when possible.

Collect specimen for all other settings (ER or ambulatory) only if symptoms persist for more than 72 hours

Critical Information Required:

Ensure the Public Health Laboratory Requisition includes the following:

- Symptoms
- Onset date
- Outbreak number if applicable

If Acute Severe Hepatitis of Unknown Origin in Children is suspected, use the [Hepatitis of Unknown Origin in Children – Public Health Ontario Laboratory STOOL Requisition](#)

For all other requests use the [General Ontario Public Health Laboratory Test Requisition](#).

Storage and Shipment:

This specimen must be refrigerated.
The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
[PUBLIC HEALTH
LABORATORY TEST
REQUISITION](#)

This requisition MUST
accompany the specimen



Method of Analysis:
RT-PCR



Test Schedule:
Referred out weekdays



Referred to:
Public Health Laboratory
1200 Commissioners Rd E
London, Ontario
519-455-9310