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

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<td>Stool</td>
<td>1.0 – 2.0 grams</td>
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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.