Specimen Required: Patient Prep:

Collect: Serum Separator Tube (SST) or Green (Sodium or Lithium Heparin).

Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum or plasma to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.2 mL) Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens must be received within 30 days from receipt of the acute specimens. Please mark specimen plainly as acute or convalescent.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Remarks:

Unacceptable Conditions: Any other body fluid. Contaminated, heat-inactivated, hemolyzed, severely lipemic specimens.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)