Specimen Required: **Collect**: Serum Separator Tube (SST).

**Specimen Preparation**: Allow specimen to clot completely at room temperature. Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.5 mL) Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens **must** be received within 30 days from receipt of acute specimens.

**Storage/Transport Temperature**: Refrigerated.

**Remarks**: Label specimens plainly as “acute” or “convalescent.”

**Unacceptable Conditions**: Contaminated, heat-inactivated, grossly hemolyzed, lipemic, or severely icteric 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)

**Note**: For CSF, refer to Mumps Virus Antibody IgG, CSF (ARUP test code 0054442).