 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 2 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 1 mL) Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens must be received within 30 days from receipt of the acute specimens.
 Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.
 Remarks: Mark specimens plainly as "acute" or "convalescent."
 Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 1 year (avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles)

HOTLINE NOTE: Remove information found in the Unacceptable Conditions field.