

Quarterly HOTLINE: Effective **November 12, 2018**

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***Coccidioides* Antibody by CF**

**COCCI**

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

Specimen Preparation: Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.15 mL) Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens **must** be received within 30 days from receipt of acute specimens.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.

Remarks: **Mark specimens plainly as "acute" or "convalescent."**

Unacceptable Conditions: **Hemolyzed, icteric, or 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)