

HOTLINE: Effective May 18, 2020

0050178 Coccidioides Antibody, IgM by ELISA

Specimen Required: <u>Collect:</u> Serum Separator Tube (SST).

<u>Specimen Preparation:</u> Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.3 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."

Unacceptable Conditions: Contaminated, hemolyzed, or 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)