

Quarterly HOTLINE: Effective November 12, 2018

0050588 Coccidioides Antibodies Panel, Serum by CF, ID, ELISA

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

<u>Specimen Preparation:</u> Separate from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer two 2 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.6 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: Other body fluids. 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)