0051626  Epstein-Barr Virus Antibody to Viral Capsid Antigen, IgA  EBV A

**Specimen Required:** Collect: Serum separator tube.

**Specimen Preparation:** Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 0.5 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.1 mL) Parallel testing is preferred and convalescent specimens must be received within 30 days from receipt of the acute specimens. **Mark specimen plainly as "acute" or "convalescent."**

**Storage/Transport Temperature:** Refrigerated.

**Unacceptable Conditions:** Contaminated or heat-inactivated specimens. Grossly hemolytic, icteric or, lipemic specimens.

**Stability (collection to initiation of testing):** After separation from cells: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 30 days