

HOTLINE: Effective February 1, 2021

0060041 Herpes Simplex Virus by PCR

HSVPCR

Specimen Required: Collect: Lavender (EDTA), pink (K₂EDTA), or serum separator tube. OR Amniotic fluid, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), CSF, ocular fluid, tissue, vesicle fluid. OR Endocervical specimen in ThinPrep® Pap Test media.

Specimen Preparation: Separate plasma or serum from cells. Transfer 1 mL serum, plasma, amniotic fluid, BAL, CSF, ocular fluid, or ThinPrep specimen to a sterile container. (Min: 0.5 mL)

Tissue: Transfer to a sterile container and freeze immediately.

Vesicle Fluid: Transfer to viral transport media (ARUP supply #12884). Available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect™ or contact ARUP Client Services at (800) 522-2787.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen.

Remarks: **Specimen source required.**

Unacceptable Conditions: Heparinized specimens, tissues in optimal cutting temperature compound.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): **Tissue:** Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: 3 months

All Others: Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: 72 hours; Frozen: 3 months