

FOR CALIFORNIA PATIENTS ONLY

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ!

**Physicians – Staple this sheet to your lab requisition form for stool/
enema infant botulism diagnostic testing**

Instructions for Laboratory Personnel:

1. Keep the specimen **refrigerated** at all times. Do not freeze.
2. Ship the specimen in a styrofoam box with cold-packs. Do not use dry-ice.
3. **Do not delay shipping** (even if specimen is of small quantity or appears dilute) – definitive diagnosis of the patient requires prompt laboratory analysis. Additional specimens may be requested if necessary. Call Infant Botulism Laboratory at **510-231-7676** with any questions regarding specimen quantity or quality.
4. Expedite the specimen via “Priority Overnight” (e.g. FedEx) or equivalent shipping. Ship **Monday through Thursday only**; CDPH Specimen Receiving is closed over the weekend, therefore Saturday/Sunday deliveries cannot be accepted. Bill shipment to your facility’s account number.
5. Please visit our website www.infantbotulism.org for more information.

Ship to:

**California Department of Public Health
Specimen Receiving, Room B106
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Richmond, CA 94804**

Attn: Jason Barash, IBTPP Lab

Please do not hesitate to contact the lab at 510-231-7676 with any questions.

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