

## Collection and Submission Instructions West Nile Virus in Mosquitoes Testing (Version 1)

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Sample Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Shipping & Handling (S&H)
Mosquitoes in catch bag	NA	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mosquitoes are collected in a catch bag.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport device:</b> Primary leakproof or sift proof container, sealed in secondary packaging. Secondary package placed in labeled UN3373 shipping cooler, containing ice packs, surrounded by newspaper or similar absorbent material. Collection paperwork is sealed in a Ziplock bag within tertiary container.</li> <li>• <b>Transport:</b> Coordinated by the WA DOH CDE. Ship and transport cold (2 - 10°C) with ice packs. Do not freeze. Ship or transport as soon as possible after collection.</li> </ul> <p>Ship as Category B (UN3373)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> Refrigerate at 4 °C.</li> </ul>

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<p>Mosquitoes in RAMP or other buffer media</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>NA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mosquitoes pretested using the RAMP assay or other assay types and are stored in other RAMP buffer or other types of buffer media.</li> <li><b>Note:</b> For confirmatory testing only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transport device:</b> Leakproof screw cap tube packaged within a secondary sealed packaging. Place sealed secondary packaging into labeled UN3373 shipping cooler with dry ice surrounded by newspaper or similar absorbent material. Seal collection paperwork in a Ziplock bag within tertiary container.</li> <li>• <b>Transport:</b> Coordinated with WA DOH CDE. Ship frozen on dry ice, overnight or next day is preferred.</li> </ul> <p>Ship as Category B (UN3373)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Storage:</b> Freeze immediately</li> </ul>
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## General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.
- Cracked or leaking specimen container.
- Samples not labeled with identifying information.
- Unscheduled samples.
- Samples unaccompanied by submission forms.

## Collection kit availability

None

## Comments

- For mosquitoes in catch bags, do not submit samples with ice or melted ice, use ice packs only. Ship immediately.
- For mosquitoes in RAMP or other types of buffer; ship frozen on dry ice.