

Laboratories	Test Menu
ΤΟΡΙΟ	DESCRIPTION
Test Name	Enterovirus D68 (2014 EV-D68), PCR
Other Name (s)	Real-time PCR, RT-PCR, real-time RT-PCR, nucleic acid amplification testing
	(NAAT)
Analyte(s)	enterovirus D68 (EV-D68)
Test Code	1811
Lab location	Jacksonville and Tampa locations
Department	Virology
Prior Authorization	Requires prior approval from Regional Epidemiology and notification to the
	testing lab. Contact local County Health Department to start the process for
	approval.
Required Forms	Test Requisition Form, DH1847. Medical History needed (i.e., onset date,
	collection date, travel history and symptoms).
Specimen Sources	Respiratory swabs including nasopharyngeal, oropharyngeal and throat. Other
	respiratory samples including nasal wash or aspirate.
	Serum can be tested with paired respiratory sample.
Supplemental Information- Special Specimen	Specimens can be stored at 2-8°C.
Preparation	
Minimum Volume	500 μl (.5 mL)
Storage Conditions	Refrigerate specimens at 2-8°C or frozen at ≤-20°C.
Collection Media	Dacron swab in viral transport media (VTM) or universal transport media (UTM)
	Serum separator tube (tiger top/red top)
Specimen Labeling	-Specimen must be labeled with at least two unique patient identifiers, Ex:
	Name and DOB.
	-The collection date and time if submitting multiple specimens.
	-Information on the specimen must match the requisition.
Packaging and Shipping Instructions and	Specimens must be shipped between (2-8°C) or frozen (≤-20°C) on dry ice.
Handling	Separate multiple specimens into different bags (preferred).
Test Methodology	Real-time reverse-transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) assay,
	nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT).
Turnaround Time	7 - 14 days
Result Indicator	EV-D68 detected, or no virus detected
Unsatisfactory Specimen	Swabs with calcium alginate or cotton tips or with wooden shafts. Unlabeled or
	mislabeled specimens, insufficient quantity for testing, incorrect collection
	tube/transport media, grossly contaminated specimen, disparity between ID on
	sample and paperwork, improper collection, storage or transport of specimen,
	no test requested, test requested is not performed. If required, the absence of
	patient history. If required, the lack of patient history that is compatible with
	test requested. Test order cancelled by provider, broken, or leaked in transit,
	etc.
Interferences and Limitations	For serum, heparin may cause interference with the molecular tests and should
	be avoided.
	Swabs with calcium alginate or cotton tips or with wooden shafts, can result in
	inactivation of some viruses and inhibit some molecular assays
Additional Information & Notes	Acute Feces (collected in sterile container, no preservatives), CSF, pericardial
	fluid may be tested for surveillance purposes and are not diagnostic and require
	prior approval before submission.
Reference Range	EV-D68 detected, or no virus detected
Reference Lab	CDC if needed
Reflex testing	None