



SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

5 ml of blood should be aseptically collected in a red top tube, centrifuged and the serum transferred to a transport vial.

If the blood is drawn 0-5 days after the onset of symptoms, please store and transport the serum frozen (dry ice if possible, wet ice if not).

If the blood is drawn 6-30 days after the onset of symptoms, the serum may be stored and transported refrigerated (wet ice or ice pack).

Send specimens with completed Dengue Case Investigation form to:

Virology Department
Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Laboratories, Tampa
3952 West M.L. King Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33614

OR

Virology Department
Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Laboratories, Jacksonville
1217 Pearl Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

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