



## **KAHDL Sample Submission Procedures for HPAI Testing of Lactating Dairy Cows**

Required Specimen: Milk: Sample all 4 quarters and send as 1 sample. Do **not** pool different animals together. Send one milk sample per lactating cow and label with her official ID. Send at least 5 mL of milk in a sterile specimen container or conical vial. To avoid breakage during shipping, do not use glass containers.

Submission Forms: Complete a lab submission form with individual official animal IDs and corresponding tube identified clearly for each animal.

Premise IDs: This must be included on submission forms. Owners who do not have a Premise ID Number (PIN) or need assistance finding their assigned PIN should contact the Animal Health Office at 615-837-5120.

Shipping: Hand deliver or pack with an ice pack and ship via UPS or FedEx overnight. For your convenience, KAHDL offers FedEx priority overnight labels at a discounted rate of \$25.00 per shipment. Please follow this link for more information and to request shipping labels: [FedEx Label Request \(tn.gov\)](https://www.fedex.com/labelrequest/tn).

Test Cost and Schedule: Samples must be received by 11 am CT for same-day testing. If received after 11 am CT, they will be held until the next business day's 11 am CT cutoff time. Testing will occur each day M-F, excluding state holidays, and fees are currently being covered by the USDA.

Sick Animals: These procedures are only for movement of healthy lactating dairy cows. All cases of suspect, clinically ill animals must first be reported to the TDA Animal Health Office/State Veterinarian.

For additional support submitting samples, please contact the Kord Animal Health Diagnostic Lab at 615-837-5125.

**\*\*\*All other samples must be approved by the Tennessee State Veterinarian in advance of submission.\*\*\***