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<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/lab.html>

**Disease/Agent Suspected or Test Requested:**

**Legionella pneumophila, culture**

<b>Provider Requirements</b>	<b>Isolate Submission REQUIRED</b>
<b>Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respiratory tract secretions</li> <li>• Tissues</li> <li>• Pleural fluid</li> <li>• Transtracheal aspirates</li> <li>• Bronchial washings</li> <li>• Biopsies</li> <li>• Sputum</li> <li>• Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL)</li> <li>• Lung tissue</li> <li>• Endotracheal tube (ETT) clinical specimens</li> </ul>
<b>TDH Requisition Form Number</b>	PH-4182
<b>Media Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture isolates: BCYE (Buffered Charcoal Yeast Extract) or equivalent</li> <li>• Other types of media: sterile, screw-capped container</li> </ul>
<b>Special Instructions</b>	
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	Sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), lung tissue, and endotracheal tube (ETT) clinical specimens <b>submit frozen.</b>
<b>Laboratory Section Performing Testing</b>	Bacteriology
<b>Lab Location(s) Performing Test</b>	Nashville

All infectious substance shipments must conform to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR 49 C.F.R Parts 171-180).