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**West Nile Virus - Encephalitis/Human**

<b>Provider Requirements</b>	
<b>Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSF</li> <li>• <b>Paired Serum Samples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acute</li> </ul> <b>AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Convalescent (14 days)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TDH Requisition Form Number</b>	<b>PH-4182</b>
<b>Media Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red-stoppered vacuum tube (whole blood)</li> <li>• Sterile, plastic screw capped vial (serum/CSF)</li> </ul>
<b>Special Instructions</b>	<p><b>PTBMIS Order Code:</b> WSTNILE (West Nile Virus)  <b>StarLIMS Order Code:</b> 4001 (West Nile Virus Panel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen should be kept refrigerated.</li> <li>• If testing will be delayed more than 48 hours post collection, serum should be aliquoted and stored at -20°C or colder.</li> </ul>
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	If specimen has been refrigerated, ship on cold packs. If specimen is frozen, ship on dry ice.
<b>Laboratory Section Performing Testing</b>	Knoxville Regional Laboratory
<b>Lab Location(s) Performing Test</b>	Knoxville

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