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

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

***Clostridioides (Clostridium) difficile***

<b>Provider Requirements</b>	<b><u>CEDEP</u> approval required prior to isolate submission.</b>
<b>Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission</b>	Pure culture isolate and/or stool.
<b>TDH Requisition Form Number</b>	PH-4182
<b>Media Requirements</b>	<p><b>Isolates:</b> Media that maintains anaerobic conditions such as chopped meat broth, thioglycolate broth, commercial anaerobic semi-solid media, anaerobic blood agar plate/slant with anaerobic transport system.</p> <p><b>Stool:</b> Amies culture swab, Cary-Blair swab, enteric transport medium (like Para Pak).</p>
<b>Special Instructions</b>	None
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	Ship in ambient temperature. Do not send refrigerated or frozen.
<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).