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

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

**Escherichia coli, Shiga toxin (STEC) producing**

<b>Provider Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolate or specimen submission <b>REQUIRED</b>.</li> <li>• Contact <a href="#">CEDEP</a> if foodborne outbreak is suspected.</li> </ul>
<b>Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stool</li> <li>• Culture Isolate</li> </ul>
<b>TDH Requisition Form Number</b>	<b>PH-4182</b>
<b>Media Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stool:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ C &amp; S Culture Transport Media (example: ParaPak)</li> <li>○ Swabs in Cary Blair</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Isolates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Broth</li> <li>○ Non-selective media slant or plate (TSA, Blood)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Special Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C &amp; S Culture Transport Media:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CIDT specimens should be forwarded to arrive at the laboratory within 4 days of specimen collection</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Isolates should be submitted within 2 weeks of isolation.</li> </ul>
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	Ship Room Temperature / Ambient
<b>Laboratory Section Performing Testing</b>	Enterics
<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).