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

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

**Ebola Virus (Sudan)**

<b>Provider Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PRIOR CONSULTATION REQUIRED.</b></li> <li>• Requested through consultation with epidemiology only.</li> </ul>
<b>Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission</b>	Whole blood ( <i>see below</i> )
<b>TDH Requisition Form Number</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact <a href="#">CEDEP</a> prior to submission.</li> <li>• Contact Bioterrorism laboratory before submission.</li> </ul>
<b>Media Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Whole blood: Collect 2 EDTA (purple top) plastic blood collection tubes.</b></li> <li>• <b>Minimum volume per tube: 4mL for adult and 1mL per child</b></li> </ul>
<b>Special Instructions</b>	Ship Cold on Cold Packs
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>REQUIRES CDC CONSULTATION</b></li> <li>• Ship as <b><u>CATEGORY A infectious substance</u></b> on cold packs.</li> </ul>
<b>Laboratory Section Performing Testing</b>	Bioterrorism
<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).

## Specimen Collection for Suspect Ebola Sudan Virus

- Prior consultation with CEDEP (615-741-7247) and CDC (770-488-7100) required for laboratory testing
- Whole blood sample – Collect **2 EDTA** (purple top) plastic blood collection tubes  
(Minimum volume per tube- 4ml for adult and 1ml for child)



- **Ship specimens as Category A – per DOT “Suspected Category A Infectious Substances”- with ice packs to the address on the PH-4182 requisition form**
- Please use the TDH PH-4182 clinical submission request form. A fillable PDF may be found [here](#). Please clearly write “Ebola Sudan Virus testing” under ‘Other Miscellaneous Tests’