

Specimen Packaging and Courier Services

Ambient Specimens

Place the specimens in a biohazard bag and seal. Keep specimen at ambient (room) temperature.

Frozen Specimens

Serum or plasma specimens: Centrifuge, remove serum or plasma from cells and place in a plastic transport tube. Place the tube in a biohazard bag and seal. Freeze serum or plasma and send frozen.

Note: Do not freeze cells.

Refrigerated (On Coolant) Specimens

Place the specimen in a biohazard bag and seal. Keep the specimen refrigerated and send specimen refrigerated.

Courier Services

Courier services are available for transporting specimens to Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center (HRRMC) from locations within Salida and Buena Vista. This service provides same-day delivery of specimens (including frozen) under controlled conditions. The services are provided for physician offices and clinics who use HRRMC Laboratory as their primary reference laboratory. Call the HRRMC Laboratory at 719-530-2261 with any questions.

Courier services are provided Monday through Friday at varying times. Courier services are not provided on weekends or any of the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas