



**REQUEST FOR IMMUNOLOGICAL/ISOLATION SERVICES  
-CLINICAL SERVICES TESTING UNIT-  
(SRD-4) FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

*IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING FORM*

**COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION - MUST BE LEGIBLE TO AVOID PROCESSING DELAYS**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND PRICING, CALL 609-292-5819.**

- **COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PATIENT: GIVE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON FORM**

- **ISOLATION**

Collect specimens aseptically as soon as possible after onset or at autopsy. Label each specimen with patient identification, type of specimen, and date of collection. REFRIGERATE IMMEDIATELY, keep cold, and deliver to State Laboratory.\* If delivery is delayed longer than 24 hours, specimens should be frozen at coldest temperature, -70 C. Do not add preservatives or fixatives.

- **IMMUNOLOGY**

Acute and convalescent serum specimens are necessary to determine an immunologic response has occurred or increase in titer during the course of illness. Specimens should be submitted together unless prior arrangements have been made to test acute or only an acute specimen is appropriate.

Acute: Collect as soon as possible, preferably within 7 days of onset. Label with patient's name and date collected on tube and form.

Convalescent: Collect 2 - 3 weeks after onset (Legionella 3 - 6 weeks; Lyme 6 - 12 weeks, preferably 6; Rickettsiae 4 - 6 weeks)

Amount: Submit 3 - 4 ml. of serum; no preservatives. Hemolyzed specimens are not acceptable.

- **TICK SUBMISSION**

Place tick in a test tube or other airtight container (film canister, pill bottle).

Add moistened piece of paper towel, paper napkin, or cotton.

If submission is not immediate, refrigerate tick until ready for submission (no longer than 24-48 hrs.)

Label tick container with your name and date collected.

- **\*DELIVERY**

Ground deliveries should be made to:

NJ Department of Health  
Public Health and Environmental Laboratories  
Specimen Receiving Unit  
3 Schwarzkopf Drive  
Ewing, NJ 08628