

Herpesvirus 8 (HHV-8) DNA, Quantitative Real-Time PCR

Test ID: FHV8P

Explanation: Effective July 22, 2024, test ID FHV8P, referred to Quest Diagnostics, will reflect the following changes.

Current Specimen Required	New Specimen Required
Submit only 1 of the following specimens: Whole Blood Specimen Type: Whole Blood Container/Tube: Lavender-top (EDTA) or yellow-top (ACD) Specimen Volume: 1 mL Collection Instructions: Draw blood in a lavender-top (EDTA) tube(s) or yellow-top (ACD) tube(s) and send 1 mL whole blood refrigerated. Stability: Ambient 48 hours; Refrigerated 7 days; Frozen 30 days Serum Specimen Type: Serum Collection Container/Tube: Red-top Submission Container/Tube: 12x75 mm screw-capped vial Specimen Volume: 1 mL Collection Instructions: Draw blood in a plain red-top tube(s). Spin down and send 1 mL serum in a plastic, screw-capped vial. Send specimen refrigerated. Stability: Ambient 48 hours; Refrigerated 7 days; Frozen 30 days Plasma Collection Container/Tube: yellow-top (ACD), lavender-top (EDTA), or PPT (white-top) tube Submission Container/Tube: 12x57 mm screw-capped vial Specimen Volume: 1 mL Collection Instructions: Draw blood in a yellow-top (ACD) or lavender-top (EDTA) tube(s). Spin down and transfer 1 mL ACD or EDTA plasma into	Submit only 1 of the following specimens: Whole Blood Specimen Type: Whole Blood Container/Tube: Lavender-top (EDTA) Specimen Volume: 1 mL Collection Instructions: Draw blood in a lavender-top (EDTA) tube and send 1 mL EDTA whole blood refrigerated. Stability: Ambient 48 hours; Refrigerated 7 days; Frozen Unacceptable Serum Specimen Type: Serum Collection Container/Tube: Red-top Submission Container/Tube: 12x75 mm screw-capped vial Specimen Volume: 1 mL Collection Instructions: Draw blood in a plain red-top tube(s). Spin down and send 1 mL serum in a plastic, screw-capped vial. Send specimen refrigerated. Stability: Ambient 48 hours; Refrigerated 7 days; Frozen 30 days Plasma Collection Container/Tube: lavender-top (EDTA), or PPT (white-top) tube Submission Container/Tube: 12x57 mm screw-capped vial Specimen Volume: 1 mL Collection Instructions: Draw blood in lavender-top (EDTA) tube(s). Spin down and transfer 1 mL EDTA plasma into a plastic, screw-capped vial. Send specimen refrigerated.

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Questions:

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