









IDOHL QuantiFERON-TB Transport Guide



Please use the following chart to determine the recommended storage temperature, packaging conditions and transportation options for QFT specimens submitted for testing to IDOH Laboratory. Note that state holidays will affect this timeline.

Collection Day/Time	Storage Temperature	Maximum Transit Time (Time elapsed from collection to arrival at IDOHL)	Transport Requirements	Transport Guidance for IDOHL Testing
Mon-Tues-Weds-Thurs	Room temperature	12 hours	Delivered to lab same day by private courier (not STAT Courier)	 ONLY FOR LOCAL SITES <i>(i.e., located in Marion County)</i>
Friday	Room temperature	12 hours	Delivered to lab same day by private courier (not STAT Courier) before 3 p.m.	 ONLY FOR LOCAL SITES <i>(i.e., located in Marion County)</i>
Mon-Tues-Weds-Thurs	Cold	48 hours	Sent using shipping service (i.e., UPS) for overnight delivery. Packaged in an insulated shipper with frozen ice packs and a layer of padding between ice packs and QFT tubes.	 Acceptable
Mon-Tues-Weds	Cold – Route Refrigerated	48 hours	Transported by STAT Courier in “Route Refrigerated” conditions.	 Acceptable
Thursday a.m. <i>*Collected prior to STAT Courier arrival</i>	Cold – Route Refrigerated	48 hours	Transported by STAT Courier in “Route Refrigerated” conditions.	 Acceptable
Thursday p.m. <i>*Collected after STAT Courier completed pickup</i>	Cold – Route Refrigerated	48 hours	Sent using shipping service (i.e., UPS) for overnight delivery. Packaged in an insulated shipper with frozen ice packs and a layer of padding between ice packs and QFT tubes.	 Acceptable
Friday		48 hours	 DO NOT COLLECT – SPECIMEN WILL NO LONGER BE VIABLE WHEN PROCESSED BY IDOHL. THIS APPLIES TO BOTH STAT COURIER & ALL OTHER SHIPPING SERVICES.	