

# Instructions for Zika Specimen Collection and Shipping

**Call 888-973-7678 during business hours to receive an approval number**

Please complete the [CDC Specimen Submission Form](#) Step by step instructions are available.

Please send the completed original with the blood specimen to Division of Laboratory Services and a copy via scan or fax to [shelleym.wood@ky.gov](mailto:shelleym.wood@ky.gov) or 502-696-3803. Please make a notation on the fax or scan when you are shipping the specimen so lab personnel can be ready to receive the specimen in order to maintain integrity of the specimen.

**Results for Zika typically take two to three weeks.**

**Please do not send specimens to arrive at DLS on weekends.** CDC does not accept specimens on the weekend and DLS prefers to receive specimens during business hours in order to maintain integrity of the specimen. **It is preferred to collect labs, spin down, and place in fridge until approval is obtained during business hours.**

Also, remember to check the expirations on the blood tubes. DLS has recently received specimens in expired tubes.

Collect and send two tubes of blood.

- **Collect two SST tubes, spin down, and ship the tubes on ice** to state lab (address below) – If you have any questions please contact Shelley @ 502-564-3261 EXT 4242 @ KDPH or Matthew or Leigh Ann @ DLS 502-564-4446.

**Ship Blood and Completed LAB Submission Form to following address:**

**Kentucky Division of Laboratory Services  
ATTN: Matthew Johnson  
100 Sower Blvd Ste # 204  
Frankfort KY 40601**

If any of you have questions or concerns, then please contact [shelleym.wood@ky.gov](mailto:shelleym.wood@ky.gov).