Collection and submission of poultry blood samples for serology testing

- We recommend collecting blood from a wing vein using a clean needle and syringe for each bird then transferring the blood from the syringe to the tube after removing the needle.

- To maximise serum quality and separation, we strongly recommend using clot activated serum separation tubes (e.g. Vacuette 456071).
  **NB:** Samples submitted in standard 5mL tubes that require additional processing time to extract sufficient serum for testing may incur additional charges.

- The blood must remain at room temperature for at least 4 hours before being cooled to 4°C.

- Please label the tubes clearly using a non-run ink pen or pencil.

- Samples should be securely packed in a small foam esky with an ice brick. Please pack samples in plastic bags, preferably secured in an upright position, to minimise the risk of leakage.

- Please include a sample submission form with your contact details, the age and type of birds, any relevant history (vaccinations, clinical signs etc.), all tests required and invoicing details.

- Samples can be sent via courier overnight delivery, express post next day delivery, or delivered to the laboratory in person. The address for delivery is:
  
  **Serology-Virology Laboratory**
  **Asia-Pacific Centre for Animal Health**
  **Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences**
  **The University of Melbourne**
  **250 Princes Highway (Gate 1)**
  **WERRIBEE VIC 3030**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

A current price list is available on request, and contract rates can be negotiated.