

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:

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Asia-Pacific Centre for Animal Health
Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences
The University of Melbourne
250 Princes Highway (Gate 1)
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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.