

Laboratory Testing Update

Date: May 4, 2023

To: All Providers and Nursing Staff

Re: **SPECIMEN TRANSPORT CONTAINER CHANGE - OVA & PARASITE EXTENDED EXAM**

Beginning 5/15/2023, the collection container for **Ova & Parasite Extended Exam (LAB955)** will change to AlcorFix Parasep SF (green-capped) transport.

Collection Instructions: Transfer 2g stool w/in one hour of collection into AlcorFix



AlcorFix Parasep



Total Fix Vial



PVA 10% Formalin

Also acceptable

- One Total-Fix (black-capped) vial: Transfer 10 g stool into Total Fix vial
OR
- One 10% Formalin vial combined with one PVA vial (pink/blue capped): Transfer 5g stool w/in one hour of collection into each of a 10% formalin vial and a modified PVA vial (10g total). (Min: 10g total)

UNACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN: Samples preserved in SAF (yellow-capped)

NOTE: **This change only affects Ova & Parasite Extended exam (LAB955).**

Continue to collect SAF (yellow-capped) transport for Ova & Parasite **Basic exam**.

AlcorFix, Total Fix, and PVA transports are NOT ACCEPTABLE for use for Ova & Parasite **Basic exam (LAB258)**.

SUPPLIES: Collection kits are available from St Elizabeth Outreach Services via Client Supply Requisition form, by calling (859) 301-2388, or by contacting RJ Wooding or Tammy Naegele at (859) 301-6137. Indiana Offices please contact Jamie Ruter at (812) 496-7299. For inpatient facilities, please call the lab for transport containers.

For additional questions please contact Renee Thompson, Microbiology Manager, 859-301-2012.