

Specimen Submission Requirements For T-SPOT (indirect test for *M. tuberculosis*)

Methodology:	Enzyme-linked (ELISPOT) method
Performed:	The Medical Microbiology Branch of the State Laboratories Division will accept whole blood specimens from Monday through Thursday.
Turn-Around-Time:	2 days
Specimen Submission:	TB Branch at Lanakila only. No other submitters at this time.
Specimen Collection:	Adults and Children 10 years and older: one 6 mL lithium or sodium heparin tube. Children 2-9 years old: one 4 mL lithium or sodium heparin tube. Children up to 2 years old: one 2 mL lithium or sodium heparin tube.
Specimen Transport:	Specimens are to be delivered to the Medical Microbiology Branch of the State Laboratories Division. Whole blood specimens should be stored at room temperature (18 - 25° C) and transported at room temperature to the State Laboratory within 24 hours.
Requisition Form:	Laboratory Form 81.3
Normal Value:	Negative
Result Notification:	Results will be SharePoint or Faxed.
Remarks:	This is a 2-day test. Please take note of days when the State Laboratory will be closed.
Unacceptable Conditions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Illegible or incomplete requisition formsb. Unlabeled tubesc. Clotted blood specimensd. Leaking blood tubese. Whole blood in collection tubes containing an anticoagulant other than those listed above in Specimen Collectionf. Specimens not stored or transported at room temperatureg. Specimens received at the State Laboratory past 32 hours from time of collection

