

Memo

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To: North Dakota Veterinary Clinics
 From: Christie Massen Ph.D., M.S., MLS(ASCP)
 Date: January 1, 2019
 Re: Rabies Virus Testing

The 2019 Directory of Services is now available on our website. We have several changes to share with you regarding rabies testing. The changes/clarifications include but are not limited to the following:

- All samples received by 10:30 AM, Monday through Friday will be tested the date of receipt.

<p>Rabies Direct Antigen Detection DFA</p>	<p>Acceptable Specimen: Full cross section of brain stem and cerebellum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the Division of Microbiology for assistance. If animal brain cannot be removed prior to submission, please call for consultation. <p>Stability:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ambient</th> <th>Refrigerated</th> <th>Frozen</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Unacceptable</td> <td>2 days</td> <td>Unacceptable</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Normal Value: Negative</p> <p>Turn Around Time: 1 day</p> <p><i>*\$50 charge for brain extraction of animals larger than a rodent</i></p>	Ambient	Refrigerated	Frozen	Unacceptable	2 days	Unacceptable	<p>No Charge*</p>
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Packaging and Shipping Information:

- Do NOT ship samples on Friday
- Keep samples refrigerated until shipment and as Category B
 - Ship immediately *overnight* on *frozen* ice-packs
 - Do not “sandwich” the material between the ice-packs

CDC National Standard Protocol: <https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/pdf/rabiesdfaspv2.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Kuklok at mrkuklok@nd.gov or 701-328-6272.