Shipping Specimens to NVSL-Ames

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Specimens can be sent by various methods. The most expeditious method depends on the area of the country from which the shipment is being sent.

Prompt delivery is important, especially for samples from which live microbes are to be isolated. Carriers that provide tracking information are recommended. Contact individual carriers to obtain information on the type of shipments they will handle; not all carriers accept biological substances.

Shipping Information

Address diagnostic sample submissions to:

National Veterinary Services Laboratories
Attn: Sample Processing Department
1920 Dayton Ave.
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: 515-337-7514

Additional shipping information regarding the shipment of specimens for foreign animal disease investigations is found in Veterinary Services (VS) Guidance 12001.

Questions about shipping?

Contact the NVSL-Ames shipping department at 515- 337-7530 or nvslshipping@usda.gov.

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