

## Transport Temperature and Performed Days Changes for Cardiolipin Antibody Testing

**Effective Wednesday, July 19, 2017**, the transport temperature specimen requirement for the Cardiolipin antibody tests is being changed to frozen samples **only**. Refrigerated samples, previously acceptable for two (2) days, are no longer acceptable. This change is being made to ensure sample stability for initial and reflexive testing.

Test order codes affected by this change include the following tests.

Test Order Code	Test Name
<b>CARDGS</b>	Cardiolipin Antibody Panel
<b>CARDGA</b>	Cardiolipin Antibody IgA
<b>CARDGG</b>	Cardiolipin Antibody IgG
<b>CARDGM</b>	Cardiolipin IgM

The Cardiolipin Antibody Panel (Test Order Code CARDGS) will be performed on Mondays and Wednesdays **only**. This change is also being made to ensure sample stability for additional testing. The turnaround time will remain at 10 days.

## Chlamydomphila pneumoniae by PCR, Mycoplasma pneumoniae by PCR, and Legionella pneumophila by PCR specimen requirement modifications

ACL Laboratories implemented a new FDA-approved assay for the following tests: Chlamydomphila pneumoniae by PCR (Test Order Code CHLPCR), Mycoplasma pneumoniae by PCR (Test Order Code MYPYPCR), and Legionella pneumophila by PCR (Test Order Code LEGPCR).

**Effective immediately**, ACL Laboratories Directory of Services has been updated to reflect the following change in specimen requirements:

Acceptable specimens are respiratory specimen types, including nasopharyngeal swabs, nasopharyngeal aspirates, bronchial lavage and bronchial washings because they are validated by the Molecular Pathology department.

Other specimen types (i.e. pleural fluid, CSF, sputum or whole blood) were not validated due to assay restrictions; therefore, the results may be suboptimal. If testing is requested on other specimen types, they will be sent to a reference laboratory.

For additional information regarding these tests, as well as specimen collection requirements, please visit ACL's Directory of Services at <http://www.acllaboratories.com/test-catalog/> or contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016.