

## ACL Laboratories Specimen Handling during Inclement Weather

### All Winter Temperatures:

- Keep specimens and lockbox(s) indoors until leaving for the night. The lock box with specimens should be placed outside at the last possible moment for specimen integrity.

### Extreme Winter Temperature: Below 10° without wind-chill:

- Keep specimens and lockbox(s) indoors until leaving for the night. The lock box with specimens should be placed outside at the last possible moment for specimen integrity.
- Wrap specimens – in a towel or padding
- Inform ACL Logistics of any early closures or cancellations

### Extreme Summer Temperature: excess of 95°F

- Keep specimens and lockbox(s) indoors until leaving for the night. The lock box with specimens' should be placed outside at the last possible moment for specimen integrity.
- Inform ACL Logistics of any early closures or cancellations.

Contact ACL Logistics at 1.800.877.7016, option #3 for additional information.

## 2023 CPT Code Changes

SYNONYM	LAB code	Test Description	2022 CPT Code(s)	2023 CPT Code(s)
TPMTRB	LAB9846	Thiopurine Methyltransferase RBC	82657	84433
EHRL	LAB10976	Ehrlichia and Anaplasma PCR, Blood	87798 x4	87468 87484 87798 x2

## ACL Laboratories Centralizes Rotavirus Stool Antigen Testing (Test Order Code LAB9018)

**Effective Wednesday, December 14, 2022**, ACL Laboratories centralized all Rotavirus Stool Antigen (Test Order Code LAB9018) testing to the Illinois and Wisconsin Central Microbiology Laboratories.

The rotavirus stool antigen test is a rapid way to identify the presence of rotavirus in stool specimens from patients with signs and symptoms of gastroenteritis. This test is currently only performed on site in seven (7) Advocate Aurora Health (AAH) hospital locations, with all other sites sending samples to the Illinois or Wisconsin Central Microbiology Laboratories.

Testing performed at the two central laboratories accounts for two-thirds of the current rotavirus stool antigen testing volume and is routinely completed within 24 hours. Conversely, testing performed at the 7 AAH hospital locations is completed within approximately 12 hours, and on average, 50% of the tests performed in these locations are for quality assurance purposes rather than patient care.

Due to low sample volumes, increased standardization across AAH, increased laboratory efficiency, and nominal effects on patient care, ACL Laboratories centralized all Rotavirus Stool Antigen (Test Order Code LAB9018) testing to the Illinois and Wisconsin Central Microbiology Laboratories.

Please contact the ACL Laboratories Client Services Department at 800-877-7016 with any questions regarding this change.

## New ARUP Orderable Test Code for Zinc Transporter 8 Antibody

**Effective Wednesday, December 14, 2022**, the Zinc Transporter 8 Antibody test (Test Order Code LAB11427) has an orderable test code. Providers will no longer need to utilize a Miscellaneous test ordering process. Details for the new orderable test code are below.

Specimen Requirements	Zinc Transporter 8 Antibody Test Order Code LAB11427
ARUP Test Order Code	2006196
Collection Tube	Gold Gel or Plain Red
Specimen type	Serum
Volume	0.5 mL
Temperature	Refrigerated
Stability	7 days
TAT	10 days
Disease State	Most useful to establish autoimmune etiology in previously diagnosed type 1 diabetes mellitus (DM)

Please contact ACL Referral Testing with questions at 847-349-7382.