

## ACL Laboratories Specimen Handling during Inclement Weather

### **All Winter Temperatures:**

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

### **Very cold days: 0-10° F without wind-chill:**

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

### **Extreme cold: below 0° F without wind-chill:**

- Keep specimens and lockbox(s) indoors until leaving for the day. The lock box with specimens should be placed outside at the last possible moment to maintain specimen integrity.
- Wrap specimens – in a towel or padding.
- Inform Logistics of any early closures or cancellations.
- ACL Logistics will implement an internal process that alters routing in order to reduce the pickup window time. It is imperative that Logistics is notified of any site hour changes.

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

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

**Please call ACL Logistics with any questions or concerns at 800-877-7016, option #3.**

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