

## Specimen Packaging and Storage

1. OSHA requires that all shipments containing clinical specimens be marked with a "BIOHAZARD LABEL". Biohazard Bags and labels for shipments sent to CHI Health Laboratory are provided.
2. Our standard Biohazard bags are designed to transport most specimens that do not require special temperatures or handling.
3. Always refer to the CHI Health Laboratory test directory for specimen processing, storage and transport requirements.
4. **LIGHT SENSITIVE SPECIMENS** - It is important to avoid exposing photosensitive analytes to artificial light and sunlight. These specimens must be protected from light by placing the sample into an amber colored tube or covering the sample with aluminum foil.
5. **REFRIGERATED SPECIMENS** - Place processed specimen in the refrigerator as soon as possible for storage for pick up by courier.
6. **FROZEN SPECIMENS** - Place processed specimen in the freezer as soon as possible for pickup by the courier. Any specimen which requires freezing should be frozen as soon as possible after processing. Always freeze specimens in plastic tubes not glass. If transporting the specimen yourself, place specimen in a container with dry ice for transport to the laboratory.
7. Call our customer service department at (402) 717-5227 for special transport of critical specimens.
8. If you have questions or concerns regarding specimen processing, handling and transport, please contact our customer service department at (402) 717-5227.