

## COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## Notice

## The preferred collection media for stool culture testing is now Cary Blair medium.

Test	New Transport Medium	Previous Transport Medium
Stool Culture	Cary Blair – Preferred AMIES – Acceptable Raw Stool – Acceptable	AMIES – Preferred Raw Stool – Acceptable
Norovirus	Cary Blair – Preferred Raw Stool – Acceptable	No Change
Gastrointestinal Panel (GP)	Cary Blair – Preferred Raw Stool – Acceptable	No Change

Note: that raw stool is not the preferred method, but if it is submitted, it must be transported refrigerated and ASAP but within 24 hours. Cary Blair and AMIES media are transported at room temperature ASAP, but within 4 days.

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