



CEM Directions and Form

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CONTAGIOUS EQUINE METRITIS (CEM) CULTURES Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Diagnostic Bacteriology Section

In order to ensure valid test results, please observe the following requirements for the submission of samples for CEM testing:

Import/Export Testing: samples must be collected *according to the requirements of the importing country*. Check with the Assistant District Director for current regulations.

Diagnostic Testing: Samples should be collected from the following sites:

- Open Mares: cervix or uterus, clitoral fossa, and clitoral sinus
- Pregnant Mares: clitoral fossa, clitoral sinus
- Stallions: prepuce, urethral sinus, and fossa glandis

Shipment:

- Swabs must be placed into Amies transport media WITH Charcoal that is NOT expired.
- Every vial of transport media must contain only one (1) swab.
- Each vial must be labeled with the animal I.D., collection site & collection date.
- Vials must be refrigerated (NOT frozen) immediately following collection (in cooler stall-side).
- Specimens must be shipped with ice packs.
- Samples must arrive at the laboratory within 48 hours of collection (the use of an overnight courier is highly recommended).

Specimens will be considered a “NO TEST” if:

- The specimens are in transit for > 48 hours.
- The specimens are not submitted in Amies with Charcoal transport media.
- The specimens are submitted in Amies with Charcoal transport media that is expired.
- The specimens are not shipped on ice packs.
- Specimens collected from the clitoral sinuses are not “small-diameter” (i.e. mini-tip) swabs.
- The specimens yield cultures so overgrown with contaminants that we cannot determine if *Taylorella equigenitalis* is present.
- **If a sample is classified as a “NO TEST” for any reason, an additional specimen will have to be submitted.**

We encourage you to use the TVMDL CEM Submittal form to ensure that all necessary information, including veterinarian’s signature, is collected. If you have any questions, please contact us toll-free at (888) 646-5623 or locally at (979) 845-3414. Thank you for your cooperation!



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Owner Information First Name _____ Last Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone Number _____		
Account # _____ Clinic Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____		

Specimen Collection: Date _____ **Time** _____

Location of horse(s) at time of collection: City _____ County _____ State _____

Signature of submitting Veterinarian _____ Date _____

Print name of submitting Veterinarian _____

Horse Identification				Anatomical site(s) sampled for each horse
Name/ID number	Breed	Age	Sex	List samples below
				1
				2
				3
				4
				1
				2
				3
				4
				1
				2
				3
				4
				1
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All samples submitted to TVMDL for testing become the property of the agency and may be tested as part of state/federal surveillance programs, utilized for research purposes and/or development of new assays. TVMDL is unable to return samples to the client unless prior arrangements are made and approved by the agency Director or designee.