

## **CONTAGIOUS EQUINE METRITIS (CEM) CULTURES**

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory  
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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SUBMITTER INFORMATION		ANIMAL OWNER INFORMATION		For TVMDL Use	
Account # _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Mark if Submitter and Owner Information are the same.		Accession # _____	
Clinic _____		Name _____		Assignments _____	
Address _____		Address _____		Opened By _____	
City _____		City _____		<input type="checkbox"/> FedEx <input type="checkbox"/> UPS <input type="checkbox"/> LSO <input type="checkbox"/> USPS <input type="checkbox"/> Messenger	
State _____ ZIP _____		State _____ ZIP _____		Other Carrier _____	
Email _____		Email _____		# Samples _____	
Telephone _____		Telephone _____		Comment _____	
FAX _____		FAX _____			
		Previous Accession # _____			

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION INFORMATION**

Date of collection \_\_\_\_\_ Time of collection (a.m./p.m.) \_\_\_\_\_

Horse(s) location City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting veterinarian name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Identification				Anatomical site(s) sampled for each horse	
Name/ID Number	Breed	Age (Mo/Yrs)	Sex (M/F)	List samples below	
				1.	
				2.	
				3.	
				4.	
				1.	
				2.	
				3.	
				4.	
				1.	
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				3.	
				4.	

- An accession fee is charged on each submission.
- All samples and documentation submitted become property of TVMDL and may be tested as part of state/federal surveillance programs, utilized for research and educational purposes, and/or development of new assays.
- TVMDL is unable to return samples unless prior arrangements are approved by the agency director or designee.
- Order supplies and view a complete catalog of tests, fees, sample requirements, and testing schedules at <https://tvmdl.tamu.edu>.