Mailing Samples for Mycoplasma Detection

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SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

- Samples for Mycoplasma detection may be sent either as spent media or live culture
- Fill out a Test Requisition Form for each sample you are submitting. Test Requisition Forms can be found on our website
- Please note that Cell Line Genetics cannot receive samples on Saturday or Sunday

SPENT MEDIA

- Media should be sampled from cultures that are 90-100% confluent and have been split twice in antibiotic-free media
- Using sterile technique, remove 1 mL of media from the culture and add it to a sterile
- 1.5 mL tube. Label the tube with a unique cell line identifier. Ensure that the sample names perfectly match on the flask and the Test Requisition Form.
- Wrap the top of the labeled tube with Parafilm and place it in a sealed plastic bag
- Place the Test Requisition Form and tube into a padded envelope
- Ship the package to Cell Line Genetics at the mailing address listed below
- Contact Cell Line Genetics using the email address listed below to inform us of the expected delivery date and to provide a tracking number if possible

LIVE CULTURE

- Fill the culture flask to the top with complete media, tighten the cap, and seal with Parafilm
- Label the flask with a unique cell line identifier. Ensure that the sample names on the flask perfectly match the Test Requisition Form
- Wrap the T-25 flask in absorbent paper toweling and place it in a leak proof plastic bag. Wrap the bag in bubble wrap
- Place culture flasks and Test Requisition Forms in a small Styrofoam box. Fill the box with bubble wrap or additional absorbent material so that the contents will not move during shipping. During the winter months, addition of temperature control packaging can help reduce the chance the culture is exposed to low temperatures
- Place the Styrofoam box inside a slightly larger cardboard box and seal with packing tape. **Ship at room temperature. Do not ship on ice packs or cold packs**
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