



Delivering specimens to the AR Public Health Laboratory for rabies testing

❖ Rabies Specimen Delivery during Regular Working Hours

Between the hours of 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM on weekdays (non-Holidays), take specimen to the receiving area at the rear of the Public Health Laboratory building (201 S. Monroe, Little Rock).

- Turn onto Palm St. from W. Markham and take the fourth driveway to the right. Sign says Public Health Lab Receiving with an arrow. Head toward the building in front of you and turn right into a small parking/unloading area.
- The door to the specimen receiving area is on the back of the large building to your left and is clearly marked for laboratory specimens.
- Push the button under the speaker to be allowed into the receiving lobby. Enter door and follow signage telling you to go to the window for help.
- If the specimen is not already in a rabies bucket, the individual will be asked to place the specimen in one and fill out a submission form, or preferably you can fill out the form online at: <https://adhredcap.arkansas.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=WCYLK9E34N>

❖ Rabies Specimen Delivery after Regular Working Hours

Normal business hours for the Public Health Laboratory are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays. Most rabies specimens do not need to be delivered or tested after normal working hours. The best procedure is to refrigerate the specimen or store it with frozen ice packs in an ice chest or Styrofoam container and deliver it to your local health unit as soon as possible during normal operating hours. The local health unit has the rabies buckets, submission forms as well as means of getting the sample to the laboratory. It is preferable to not freeze the specimen, as it will need to be thawed prior to testing.

These instructions pertain to all rabies specimens delivered after 4:30 PM on weekdays, and on weekends and holidays.

- All specimens will be delivered to the same location as listed above, Public Health Lab Receiving which is the 4th driveway to the right off Palm St. from W. Markham.
- The individual should first contact maintenance by calling 501-661-2732 and inform the on-call facilities personnel that they have a rabies specimen to drop off.
- If maintenance cannot be reached, call Emergency Communications Center (ECC) at 501-661-2136 and the ECC will page maintenance and inform them that there is a specimen for pick up.
- The individual will be asked to place the specimen in a rabies bucket (provided by maintenance) and fill out a submission form or preferably online at: <https://adhredcap.arkansas.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=WCYLK9E34N>
- Maintenance personnel will only be responsible for bringing the specimen to the walk-in refrigerator located in the Public Health Laboratory building.