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# *Specimen Collection and Transport Service*

## **Courier Services**

Courier services are available for transporting specimens to MCHS-Mankato Laboratory and Mayo Medical Laboratories from many locations throughout southern Minnesota and is provided Monday through Friday. This service is provided by Gold Cross Courier Service and is shared with Mayo Medical Laboratories and Laboratory of Clinical Medicine (LCM) Pathologists, P.C.. Bags and labels for transport of specimens will be provided at no charge. This service provides overnight or same-day delivery of specimens (including frozen) under controlled conditions. In many areas, our courier services are already in place. Special courier services will be established if appropriate arrangements can be made. Courier schedules are available upon request. Pick-up frequency is determined by referral volume. Our administrative personnel will discuss the criteria with you, and will provide specific instructions for handling specimens prior to courier pickup. Questions concerning courier service can be addressed by MCHS-Mankato Laboratory, Mayo Medical Laboratories, LCM Pathologists, P.C., or Gold Cross.

## **Mailed-in Specimens**

If you must ship or mail your specimens, please contact either MCHS-Mankato or Mayo Medical Laboratories for additional instructions concerning special packaging and package labeling required for shipping infectious substances. Otherwise, our couriers are trained in the proper procedure for transportation of specimens.

## **Specimen Transport**

Our standard transport containers are designed to transport serum and urine specimens that do not require special temperatures or handling. If you have any concerns regarding the effect of extreme weather conditions on routine or refrigerated specimens, please call our administrative personnel.