

2019

Sputum Collection

South Shore
Regional Hospital

Samples that are not labelled correctly or do not have a complete requisition form will not be tested.



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Instructions

- Your doctor has given you a form for this test. This form is called your **requisition**.
- Use only the collection bottle(s) given to you by your doctor, local lab, or blood collection clinic.
- Remove dentures (false teeth), if you wear them.
- Brush your teeth with water only. **Do not use toothpaste.**
- Rinse your mouth and gargle with water. **Do not use mouthwash.**
- Cough up sputum from deep in your chest directly into the bottle.
- Do not mix saliva or post-nasal drainage with the sputum.
- Bring the bottle to an approved drop-off site **within 2 hours**. If you cannot bring the sample within 1 hour, put it in the fridge. Do not put it in the freezer.

If you have problems collecting a sample, please call your primary health care provider.

Make sure the collection bottle(s) is labelled with your name, date(s) of collection, health card number, and start and end times.

Take the sample to one of the following Nova Scotia Health Authority Laboratory Services locations:

South Shore Regional Hospital
Main Floor

90 Glen Allan Drive

Bridgewater NS B4V 2S6

Phone: 902-527-5261

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7-11 a.m.

Registration: Monday-Friday,

6:45-10:45 a.m.

Fisherman's Memorial Hospital

2nd Floor

14 High Street

Lunenburg NS BOJ 2C0

Phone: 902-634-8801

Hours (including Registration):

Monday-Friday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Queen's General Hospital

1st Floor

175 School Street

Liverpool NS B0J 1K0

Phone: 902-354-3436

Hours (including Registration):

Monday-Friday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

North Queen's Health Centre

9698 Highway 8

Caledonia NS B0T 1B0

Phone: 902-682-2533

Hours (including Registration):

Wednesdays, 7:30-10:45 a.m.

Our Health Centre

3769 Hwy 3

Chester NS B0J 1J0

Phone: 902-275-2830

Hours (including Registration):

Tuesdays and Thursdays,

7:30-10:45 a.m.



Each **requisition** must have:

- › Your **full name and date of birth**
- › Your **health card number**
- › Your **doctor's full name and address**
- › **The names of all antibiotics you are taking**
- › **The names of all countries outside of North America that you have visited (or emigrated from) in the past 12 months**
- › **Start and end dates and times for each urine collection**

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Please ask.
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Call 811 or visit <https://811.novascotia.ca>

Learn about other programs and services in your community:

Call 211 or visit <http://ns.211.ca>

Nova Scotia Health Authority promotes a smoke-free, vape-free, and scent-free environment.

Please do not use perfumed products. Thank you!

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