

# MED-EX

**Table 3: SPECIMENS & TESTING**

Specimen	Possible Testing	Description	Container
Blood	Bacterial culture	5ml aerobic & anaerobic	Use local lab
Serum	Serologic assays/Tox	10ml	Marble top vacutainer
NP Swab	Viral Culture	1 swab	Viral transport
Urine	Culture/ Antigen tests	20ml	Orange top, sterile
Fresh or frozen tissue from affected organs	Viral culture or PCR	1cm cubes (can keep refrigerated up to 4 days)	Clean vials
Formalin-fixed tissues	Histo-pathology, IHC, In situ hybridization PCR	All organs	Orange top, sterile
Paraffin-embedded tissues	Histo-pathology, IHC, ISH, PCR	Affected organs	

See "Protocol for Evaluating an Infectious Disease Death" and guidelines for "Medical examiner/coroner-based surveillance for fatal infectious diseases and bioterrorism" for additional information regarding this protocol.