



AHL LabNote Number 38

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Sample handling and splitting charges at AHL

Sample handling and splitting charges are utilized at the AHL to help cover the cost of increased technical time and consumables. Sending in pre-split or pre-pooled samples, as required, will increase efficiency and help to avoid handling fees.

Specimen Reception

The split sera or split tissues/feces fee is used in Specimen Reception for splitting samples that are needed for testing in multiple lab sections and/or for send out purposes. For example, bovine feces for a diarrhea workup - culture, cryptosporidia (sucrose wet mount) and rotavirus/coronavirus PCR – needs to be split 3 ways for the Bacteriology, Parasitology, and Virology labs. Samples in 3 separate containers are needed.

Bacteriology

This fee is used in bacteriology when sample pooling is requested.

Mycoplasmology/Molecular Biology

This fee is used in Mycoplasmology/Molecular Biology for separating serum and/or sorting samples.

Parasitology

This fee is used in Parasitology for pooling, sorting and/or transferring feces from gloves to containers.

Virology

This fee is used in Virology for separating serum and/or pooling of samples.

Sample handling fees by laboratory section

Lab section	Price	Details
Specimen reception	\$3.00	per serum sample
Specimen reception	\$5.00	per tissue/fecal sample
Bacteriology	\$5.80	per sample; for sample pooling
Mycoplasmology/Molecular Biology	\$3.00	per sample; for serum separation, sorting
Parasitology	\$6.50	per sample; for sample pooling, sorting, manipulation
Virology, sample handling	\$1.00	per sample; for serum separation, sorting, pooling

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about any of the above fees and how they are applied.

Any questions?? Contact us at:

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