

Title	Streptococcus pneumoniae Special Request Isolate Submission Guide
Specimen Requirements	<p>1. Organisms: <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Patients 6-12 years old. <p>2. Specimen type: Isolates from invasive cases (sterile sites).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Isolate should be pure, viable, and cultured onto an organism-appropriate agar medium slant (<i>i.e.</i> Mueller Hinton, Blood, etc.) Only one isolate per patient per case will be tested. <p>3. Written request must be submitted to ISDH to request the testing for a patient 6-12 years of age. Please include brief patient history, physician's contact information, and a description of how the typing information will guide patient care.</p> <p>Note: Typing requests will only be accepted for cases where the typing result has a significant impact on patient care.</p> <p>Securely fax the request to Elizabeth Rempala and/or Dr. Sara Blosser at 317-927-7804. Once approved, ISDH will fax the signed approval to the submitting laboratory.</p>
Sampling Materials	Appropriate agar medium slant in tube with screw-cap tightened or other similarly approved commercial transport medium.
Procedural Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Label each specimen tube with a minimum of the patient's name, date of birth, and date of organism isolation. A minimum of two unique patient identifiers (<i>i.e.</i> first/last name, DOB, MRN) must be indicated on the isolate tube. Unique identifiers must match what is entered in to LimsNet. Ensure the agar slant is not expired, and will not expire for a minimum of two weeks. Complete the LimsNet submission form for Bacterial Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) testing. LimsNet is available on the web at http://limsnet.isdh.in.gov. To sign up for LimsNet, or to ask a question, email the Help Desk at LimsAppsupport@isdh.in.gov.
Shipping Instructions	<p>Ship to:</p> <p>Indiana State Department of Health Laboratories Suite B, Reference Microbiology (VPD) 550 West 16th Street Indianapolis, IN. 46202</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Package according to Category B UN3373 guidelines. Wrap completed submission/request form around the sealed inner container and place securely into the outer shipping container. Do not send culture isolates on petri plates if submitting by mail. Transport Temperature: Ambient conditions.
Reporting and TAT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting Method:LimsNet (Fax). TAT: 16-20 business days. Test Referral: Isolates may be forwarded to the CDC or regional laboratory for additional testing.