

<b>Title</b>	<b>Bacterial Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) Isolate Submission Guide</b>
<b>Specimen Requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organisms: <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> [patient ≤5-years-old only], <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>, and <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>.</li> <li>2. Specimen type: Isolates from invasive cases (sterile sites) only. Isolate should be pure, viable, and cultured onto an organism-appropriate agar medium slant (<i>i.e.</i> Chocolate or GC agar). Thayer-Martin slants may be used for <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> isolates.</li> <li>3. Only one isolate per patient per case will be tested.</li> <li>4. Isolates should be submitted within (3) business days of isolation per the ISDH Communicable Disease Rule 410-IAC 1-2.3-76.</li> </ol>
<b>Sampling Materials</b>	Appropriate agar medium slant in tube (chocolate/GC medium/Thayer-Martin) with screw-cap tightened or other similarly approved commercial transport medium.
<b>Procedural Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. Ensure that the agar slant is not expired, and will not expire for a minimum of two weeks.</li> <li>3. Complete the LimsNet submission form for Bacterial Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) testing. LimsNet is available on the web at <a href="http://limsnet.isdh.in.gov">http://limsnet.isdh.in.gov</a>. To sign up for LimsNet, or to ask a question, email the Help Desk at <a href="mailto:LimsAppsupport@isdh.in.gov">LimsAppsupport@isdh.in.gov</a>.</li> </ol>
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	<p>Ship To:  Indiana State Department of Health  Laboratories  550 West 16th Street  Indianapolis, IN. 46202</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Package according to Category B UN3373 guidelines.</li> <li>2. The completed submission/request form may then be wrapped around the sealed inner container and together placed securely into the outer shipping container.</li> <li>3. Do not send culture isolates on petri plates if submitting by mail.</li> <li>4. Transport Temperature: Ambient conditions.</li> </ol>
<b>Reporting and TAT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reporting Method:LimsNet.</li> <li>2. TAT:4-16 business days.</li> <li>3. Test Referral. Isolates may be forwarded to the CDC or a Reference Laboratory for additional testing.</li> </ol>