

FOR CALIFORNIA PATIENTS ONLY

# Important Instructions – Please Read!

Physicians – Staple this sheet to your lab requisition form for stool/enema infant botulism diagnostic testing

## Instructions for Laboratory:

1. Keep the specimen refrigerated at all times. Do not freeze.
2. Ship the specimen in a styrofoam box with cold-packs. Do not use dry-ice.
3. Please do not delay shipping – definitive diagnosis of the patient requires prompt laboratory analysis.
4. Expedite the specimen via “Priority Overnight” (e.g. Fedex) or equivalent shipping. Ship Monday through Thursday only, Saturday deliveries cannot be accepted. Bill shipment to your facility’s account number.
5. If you have internet access, please visit our website [www.infantbotulism.org](http://www.infantbotulism.org) for more information.

## Ship to:

**California Department of Health Services  
850 Marina Bay Parkway  
Specimen Receiving, Room B106  
Richmond, CA 94804**

**Attn: Jason Barash, IBTPP**

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions. Thank you.

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