

Shipping:

- **The sender is responsible for shipping costs**
- FedEx Overnight shipping, Monday-Thursday only
- Contact information:
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 - Dr. Mary Brown
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Tortoise ELISA testing

- Serum or Plasma, NO whole blood accepted
- Send on Ice Packs
 - Can be sent on dry ice with swabs
- We need a minimum of 1/10mL for testing
 - If sending a small amount please parafilm top to reduce evaporation
- Serum can be stored at -20°C
 - 4°C Overnight

Culture/PCR Testing for Tortoises

- -We accept:
 - **Choanal (preferred, and best sample)**, Nasal Flush, Swab, and tissues (please email prior to sending tissues).
 - If testing another animal besides tortoise/turtle and/or Tissue, please call in advance to make sure we can test/accept that sample in our laboratory.
 - Store samples in ultralow until shipping. If ultralow is not available, ship immediately on dry ice. If this is not possible call us for recommendations.
 - **Shipping on dry ice high recommended**
 - This will prevent false negatives
 - **If you are unable to get dry ice**
 - Freeze swab overnight at -20→-80. Ship on ice packs in well insulated cooler.

Culture/PCR Testing for Bovine, Small animal, Lab Animal, Etc.

- 16s rRNA identification is in the event of a positive Culture and PCR isolation.
- Please call/Email: Alex Burne and/or Dr. Mary Brown if you are unsure about collection methods.
- Please provide as much detail on submission form as possible.
 - Call/email ahead if need be, we are happy to assist!

Shipping Address:

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