North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NCSLPH)
Packaging & shipping instructions for blood lead

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Maximum volume allowed: 50 ml per NCSLPH shipping container

Supplies needed:
NCSLPH Blood Lead/Prenatal shipping container with green NCSLPH shipping label
NOTE: For shipping by US Postal Service, order the box shipping container
      For shipping by NC Courier System, order the can shipping container
Securely sealed and labeled primary container (EDTA microtainer/venous tube)
Cushioning and absorbent material*
Leak-proof secondary container (zip-type baggie) with attached biohazard label*
Completed requisition form for each specimen (Printed from our website)

Packaging Instructions:
1. Place the microtainer or venous tube with unique identifiers in a leak-proof zip type baggie marked with a biohazard symbol.
2. Place enough absorbent material (to soak up all of the liquid) inside the zip type baggie. (paper towels, tissues, etc.)
3. Place the zip type baggie into the outer shipping container (with green label).
4. Place enough cushioning material to hold the zip type baggie securely during transit.
5. Place requisition forms inside the shipping container. (But NOT inside the zip type baggie with specimens)
6. Seal the shipping container. (Make sure the green NCSLPH shipping label is attached).
7. Place your return address label on outside of shipping container.

If you have any questions about packaging specimens for transport or Blood Lead testing at the NCSLPH, please call Kate Mason, Blood Lead Supervisor at 919-733-3937 or 919-807-8878. Information is also available on the NCSLPH website, http://slph.ncpublichealth.com

*Not provided by NCSLPH