

***Mycobacterium* species (Isolate Identification)**

Use of Test:	Identification of acid-fast bacilli
Test Includes:	Acid-fast stain; DNA probe; High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC); Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization - Time of Flight Mass Spectroscopy (MALDI-TOF MS)
Availability:	Test is available to all clinical laboratories and local public health jurisdictions.
Limitations:	Pure culture required. The submitter will be notified and requested to resubmit a pure isolate of the organism of interest.
Fees:	Public health investigation testing - Exempt Non-public health investigation testing - Exempt
Causes for Rejection:	Inappropriate specimen transport container; Unlabeled or mislabeled specimen; Inappropriate transport conditions; Incomplete or missing specimen submission form; Specimen leakage during transport; Inappropriate specimen for test ordered; Specimen outdated, exceeds appropriate time from collection to receipt; Quantity not sufficient to perform test; Improperly preserved specimen
Turnaround Time:	7 days
Forms Required:	<a href="#">Microbiology Submission Form (HEA 2530)</a>
Specimen Requirements:	Pure subculture of organism on agar slant or liquid medium to support organism growth (tubed media preferred). Specimens should not be submitted on plates.
Shipping Requirements:	Ship overnight at ambient temperature in compliance with federal regulation and local guidelines. Refer to the <a href="#">Shipping Resources</a> page for more information.