

Pack your box: CRITICAL AMBIENT SPECIMENS

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Mayo Clinic Laboratories provides clients with special packaging for ambient specimens where it is critical that the specimen remains ambient and protected from slight variations in temperature.

Use a critical ambient shipping box only for specified test codes. Refer to the test catalog to verify shipping requirements.

A 10-lb Styrofoam inside a white fibreboard shipping box is used for shipping these critical ambient specimens, which are completely surrounded by six room-temperature cool packs.

They must be packaged by the client and should not be opened by the courier unless specifically directed to do so by the client or by Mayo Clinic Laboratories prior to being shipped.

- 1 Choose your box.
- 2 Place one room-temperature gel pack flat on the bottom of the Styro.
- 3 Position four additional room-temperature gel packs up against the four sides of the Styro, creating a loading area for the specimens.
- 4 Place all critical ambient specimens bags into loading area in Styro.
- 5 Use final room-temperature gel pack to fully enclose the bag on all sides.
- 6 Ensure that at least 2 inches of space are available inside the Styro.
- 7 Place the Styro lid on the container and ensure the lid is fully sealed with no visible gap.
- 8 Use only packaging tape to close box per the closing instructions. Overlap the sides by 2 inches to ensure the container is sealed.

Important notes:

- If you have a courier, place a copy of the test request form or batch sheet with the box so they can scan it upon pickup. **Do not** permanently attach it to the box.
- If you have a critical ambient specimen but do not have a Mayo Clinic Laboratories critical ambient box, you can package your specimens surrounded by six room-temperature cool packs in a box.