

Division of Laboratory Services-Specimen Submission

- **Lab Ordering**

- An electronic order (ex. PTBMIS, Lab Web Portal) or laboratory requisition (PH-4182) must accompany each specimen submitted to TDH-DLS.
- Required fields are indicated in **RED**. All required fields must be complete.
- Specimens submitted with incomplete requisitions may not be tested.

- **Specimen Collection**

- Specimens should be collected as indicated by the Laboratory Directory of Services: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/lab/directory-of-services.html>
- Label specimen with 2 **unique** identifiers. Examples of unique identifiers include first and last name, date of birth, and/or medical record/patient identification number.
- The two identifiers written on the specimen must be legible and match the electronic order or requisition exactly.
- Unlabeled or mislabeled specimens cannot be tested.