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# *Specimen Packaging and Courier Services*

## **Courier Services**

Courier services are available for transporting specimens to MGMC, and to also deliver reports and supplies. This service is provided Monday through Friday.

## **Infectious Specimens—Mayo Medical Laboratories**

Special packaging and package labeling are required for shipping infectious substances. Shipping containers and labels are supplied. The requirements are very similar for domestic and international shipments. Documentation is very specific and cannot deviate from International Air Transport Association requirements. In addition, you must obtain a copy of Mayo Medical Laboratories' CDC permit to import infectious agents. Contact Mayo Medical Laboratories at 507-266-5700 well in advance of when you plan to ship these materials.

## **Specimen Transport**

Our standard transport containers are designed to transport serum and urine specimens that do not require special temperatures or handling. If you have any concerns regarding the effect of extreme weather conditions on routine or refrigerated specimens, please call the laboratory at 207-626-1400. Frozen specimens should be transported with an ice pack. Please notify courier of special handling.