

**Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
Laboratory Services Bureau**

**Collection Instructions for Procedures for CBAT, DWES, Category A Infectious
Substance Shippers, US Postal Service, and Rapid Toxic Screen**

**For more information on CBAT, DWES and Rapid Toxic Screens see our Laboratory
Preparedness Website:**

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/LaboratoryServices/LaboratoryEmergencyPreparedness.aspx>

Chemical, Biological Agent Transport (CBAT)

- This kit provides components for consistent collection of samples of unknown substances that may be of possible public health concern or associated with a credible threat.
- Two CBAT kits were provided to each jurisdiction (local health departments and tribes), regional HAZMAT teams, and FBI in August 2012. Jurisdictional Public Health and Emergency Preparedness contacts maintain records of kit locations. For more information and instructions see our website.
<http://web.hhs.mt.gov/publichealth/lab/documents/CBATKitInstructions-edited.pdf>

Drinking Water Emergency Sampling (DWES)

- This kit provides components for consistent collection of water samples in the event of possible water system tampering or other potential chemical contamination.
- DWES kits were distributed to local health departments and tribes and water operating plants. Jurisdictional Public Health and Emergency Preparedness contacts maintain records of kit locations. For instructions see our website.
<http://web.hhs.mt.gov/publichealth/lab/documents/02LaminatedInstructions.pdf>

Rapid Toxic Screen (Clinical Specimen Boxes)

- Specimens for Rapid Toxic Screens will be collected per direction of CDC on patients potentially exposed to chemical agents.
- SAF-T-pak mailers were provided to each jurisdiction (local health departments and tribes). Jurisdictional Public Health and Emergency Preparedness contacts maintain records of kit locations. For more information and instructions see our website.
<http://web.hhs.mt.gov/publichealth/lab/documents/CDCSpecimen-CollectionProtocol.pdf>

Infectious Substance (Category A) Shipping Containers

- Specimens for rule-out referral of suspected select agents and other infectious substances classified as Category A (per 49 CFR 173.196)
- Any specimens requiring the use of these containers should only be shipped after consultation with MTPHL.

US Postal Service

- Air handling systems at mail processing centers are monitored on a routine basis for anthrax.
- Biological detection systems are installed in mail processing centers in Billings, Great Falls and Missoula. Postal inspectors are trained in proper collection, submission and transport of positive samples to MTPHL for confirmation.