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**WEST NILE VIRUS TESTING**  
**Arizona State Health Laboratory**

**The Arizona State Health Laboratory (ASHL) conducts serologic testing for West Nile Virus (WNV) and St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) viruses. Please Note: Testing is reserved for patients exhibiting WNV-compatible symptoms (West Nile fever, meningitis, encephalitis).**

**The following information must accompany WNV specimens:**

<b>Patient Name</b>	<b>Submitter's Name &amp; Number</b>
<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Specimen Collection Date</b>
<b>Clinical Presentation</b>	<b>Onset Date</b>
<b>(ex. encephalitis)</b>	

**Testing may be delayed for any specimens submitted without appropriate information. Specimens (preferably serum or whole blood in a red top tube) can be shipped overnight on cold packs or hand-delivered to:**

**ARIZONA STATE HEALTH LABORATORY  
ATTN: SEROLOGY  
250 N. 17<sup>th</sup> AVE.  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007**

**Cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) can also be submitted.  
For more information, contact epidemiology staff at your local health department or ADHS at 602-364-4562.**

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