

681—5.2(263) Specimens examined.

5.2(1) *Classification.* This being the state public health and environmental laboratory, specimens submitted to it should have a direct or probable significance to public health, medical management, or the quality and preservation of the environment.

5.2(2) *Who may submit specimens.*

a. Licensed physicians, osteopathic physicians, and other licensed practitioners may submit specimens for the diagnosis and control of communicable or other diseases in which such tests are required by the state department of public health.

b. Veterinarians may submit specimens involving diseases of animals which are communicable to humans.

c. State department of public health may submit specimens necessary in the conduct of its fundamental responsibilities. Other programs, services, and studies may be negotiated on a contractual basis.

d. The natural resources department may submit specimens necessary in the conduct of its fundamental responsibilities relative to municipal water supplies. Other programs, services, and studies may be negotiated on a contractual basis.

e. Other state agencies, institutions, and municipalities may submit specimens, generally under a contractual arrangement if the submission is to be of a regular and routine nature.

f. Local departments of health may submit specimens when performing official functions of state regulatory agencies. The examination of other specimens necessary in the support of locally directed programs are provided only with prior clearance and cost negotiations.

g. Private individuals may submit specimens to determine the suitability and safety of private water supplies only when collected and received according to conditions prescribed by the laboratory and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

h. Privately owned industries and businesses may submit specimens for environmental studies by prior arrangement with the laboratory on a fee basis.

i. Public schools may submit specimens at the discretion of the school nurse, consulting physician, principal, or upon recommendations of the local department of health.