

# HUMAN HERPES VIRUS TYPE 6

## Orderable – HHV6

Turnaround Time: Up to 7 days

### Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Specimen Type	Minimum Volume	Collection Kit
Plasma	1.0 mL	EDTA (Lavender top tube)
CSF (for encephalitis cases only)	300 uL	Sterile Container



**Laboratory:**  
Microbiology



**Requisition:**  
[Sick Kids Molecular Microbiology Referred In Viral Requisition](#)

This requisition **MUST** accompany the specimen



**Method of Analysis:**  
RT-PCR



**Test Schedule:**  
Referred out Monday-Wednesday



**Referred to:**  
The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

### Special Processing:

HHV6 testing must be approved by the Microbiologist on-call and one of the following criteria met:

- 1) Primary infection or viral reactivation in immunocompromised individuals.
- 2) Encephalitis cases in immunocompromised individuals

### Storage and Shipment:

Samples must be transported to the lab within 4 hours of collection.