

SUPPLY BACKORDER:

GOLD TOP VACUTAINER TUBE

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Effective immediately, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) will be providing alternative tubes for supply requests vacutainer Gold Top Tubes. This is occurring due to the nationwide blood collection tube shortage.

VACUTAINER GOLD TOP SERUM SEPARATOR TUBE (SST) SUPPLY SHORTAGE

BACKORDERED TUBE

Gold Top



ALTERNATIVE TUBES (SERUM)

Tiger Top or Red Top



PLEASE NOTE:

Alternative tube types are available for many tests. Refer to our PDL Website/PDL Test Directory for specific information: <https://www.pdllabs.com/>

RED top tubes (with no separator gel) may need to be **centrifuged and serum transferred into a transport tube** to be acceptable for testing. Refer to the specimen requirements for more detail.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I find specimen collection information to see if an alternative tube can be used?

Specimen collection information can be found on the PDL website using the PDL Test Directory: <https://www.pdllabs.com>

Can add on tests be requested if I use an alternative tube for the test?

There may be some instances where an add on request cannot be done. Add on requests are dependent on what specimen type is available at the lab and what is acceptable for the add on test (specimen type and stability).

Why is there a shortage?

The FDA has reported two key factors contributing to the supply shortage of blood tubes, increase in demand during the COVID-19 public health emergency and vendor supply challenges.

The FDA has provided frequently asked questions: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/blood-specimen-collection-tube-shortage-frequently-asked-questions>

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