

## West Nile IgM Antibody Screen, CSF

- Comment:** Sites submitting specimens for testing must be approved by the Epidemiology Program at the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure.  
Please call NPHL for clarification at 402.559.2440 or 866.290.1406.
- Comment:** A SPECIAL MICROBIOLOGY Requisition or NPHL Web order must accompany this specimen.
- Syn: West Nile Virus IgM, CSF
- Lab: Microbiology/Virology
- Method: ELISA
- Availability: Testing is performed on Thursday, results reported next day.  
Additional testing days available in peak season.
- Specimen: CSF
- Collect: CSF in sterile container.
- Volume: 0.5 mL CSF, minimum
- Transport: Refrigerate specimen.  
If transport delayed > 2 weeks, freeze specimen.
- Reference: **IgM**  
Negative: <0.9 Index  
Equivocal:  $\geq 0.9 - \leq 1.1$  Index  
Positive: > 1.1 – >15.0 Index
- Comment: Testing is available through the state for IgM only on CSF.
- LIS code: WNIGMC