



## Immunoematology Reference Lab (IRL) Job Aid

Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Organize documents and be prepared to review reactions and patient situation with LS IRL staff.</li> <li>➤ Call LifeServe at : 1.888.244.2928</li> <li>➤ <b>Completely fill out the IRL testing request form. Location:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Log on to lifeservebloodcenter.org</li> <li>➤ Click on the rectangular blue LOGIN button on the upper right-hand side of the home page</li> <li>➤ Click on the blue word Hospitals on the ➤left-hand side of the screen</li> <li>➤ Click on the blue rectangle labeled Resource Guide</li> <li>Note that no password or login is needed to access the Resource Guide</li> <li>➤ Use arrow on drop down box to locate the Request Forms folder</li> <li>➤ Click on the Immunoematology Test Request form to open</li> <li>➤ Print form and complete and include with tubes when shipping to IRL</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Package specimen: Send 20-30 ml EDTA anticoagulated blood (pre-transfusion, if possible).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All tubes must be labeled with:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patient name</li> <li>▪ Date drawn and phlebotomist ID</li> <li>▪ Unique identifier (patient's hospital number, Typenex number, DOB, SSN)</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <i>Inadequately or illegibly identified samples will be rejected.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note: Segments from units on hospital shelf may be included in the shipment to allow for crossmatching to be performed at IRL. Crossmatching results will be sent to the hospital lab via fax to allow for shorter TAT for patient transfusion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tubes in biohazard bag with absorbent material. Package on wet ice in LS shipping container.</li> </ul>
LifeServe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Determine if specimen will be tested at LifeServe IRL in DM, LS in Omaha or Bergan in Omaha.</li> <li>▪ Contact appropriate courier and provide ETA for pick up at requesting hospital.</li> <li>▪ Contact Bergan to notify and provide ETA, if appropriate.</li> </ul>
LifeServe/Bergan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perform testing on patient sample including crossmatching, if appropriate.</li> </ul>
Bergan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notify LS if crossmatched units need to be delivered to hospital.</li> </ul>
LifeServe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notify hospital of ETA of crossmatched units.</li> </ul>
Bergan or LifeServe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notify hospital of testing results via phone and fax.</li> </ul>