



**Ricin Toxin**  
**(*Ricinus communis*)**  
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**Missouri Dept of Health and Senior Services (800) 392-0272 (24 hours)**  
**State Public Health Laboratory (573) 751-3334 or 751-0633**

**Remember that these samples may be toxic! Extreme caution should be taken in collecting, preparing for shipment and transporting any material suspected of being contaminated with this agent.**

**Specimen collection and transport**

**Acceptable samples:**

Specimens best suited for testing include: paper, powders, soil or mud, water, food, drink, environmental swabs (Dacron, rayon or foam, not cotton) and environmental wipes (non-cotton gauze, polyester blend materials).

**Reporting:**

**All reporting times are the minimum time. Any individual specimen could take longer.**

Presumptive results should be available in 4 hours. Samples will be referred to CDC for confirmation.