Sample Submission Guide for the Molecular Detection of Select Zoonotic Pathogens

	Sample type*						
Pathogen	Whole Blood	CSF	Synovial Fluid	Wound Fluid/Pus	Urine	Tissue	Paraffin Block
Anaplasma phagocytophilum	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×
Babesia species	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×
Bartonella species	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓
Borrelia burgdorferi s.l	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓	✓
Ehrlichia chaffeensis	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×
Leptospira species	✓	✓	×	×	✓	×	×
Relapsing fever spirochetes	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×
Minimum volume	Refer to pathogen GTS	0.5 mL			5 mL	1-5 mg	
Shipment conditions	Store specimens refrigerated for up to 5 days and ship with freezer packs. If stored $>$ 5 days, freeze at -20 $^{\rm o}$ C and ship on dry ice.						Ambient

^{*}Additional sample types may be tested upon consultation with the Field Studies Section.

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x = Unacceptable