

NEW Process Available: Submit Specimens to CDC with CSTOR

From	CDC Laboratory
To	Nominated Original Submitters
Subject	NEW Process Available: Submit Specimens to CDC with CSTOR
Attach	CSTOR One Pager; COSO One Pager
Message	<p>Dear [NAME],</p> <p>We are excited to share a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) specimen submission process, now available to public health organizations across the country. The CDC has expanded access to its CDC Specimen Test Order and Reporting (CSTOR) Web Portal from state and federal level organizations to original submitters (health organizations like commercial laboratories, hospitals, veterinary services, etc.) nationwide via CSTOR Original Submitter Onboarding (COSO).</p> <p>As an online alternative to the 50.34 form, the CSTOR Web Portal streamlines the specimen submission lifecycle, including requesting test orders, inputting specimen data, and shipping packages, while allowing for more visibility and coordination with state public health laboratory (SPHL) partners. CSTOR removes manual processes and automatically tracks the status of each specimen from submission to reporting. Now with expanded access through COSO, original submitters with approval from their jurisdiction's SPHL can use the same method of specimen submission.</p> <p>[ORGANIZATION NAME] is a great fit to request to onboard to CSTOR, and we'd like to invite you to complete the CSTOR Onboarding Request Form to get started. Once you complete the form, it will undergo a review and approval process at the state level. Once approved by your parent SPHL, the CSTOR team will reach out to you with instructions on how to onboard via the Secure Access Management Service (SAMS) and will provide training and helpful resources to get you started.</p> <p>We've attached Frequently Asked Questions for Original Submitters here to provide you with information on CSTOR and COSO. Additional resources including training guides, informational videos, one-pagers, and more are available on the CDC's CSTOR information page.</p> <p>If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the CSTOR Team at CSTOR@cdc.gov.</p> <p>Thank you, [Lab POC]</p>