

SEA-PHAGES Archiving Materials for 2024

FAQs:

1. How many samples per phage should be sent? **TWO**
2. How is the archive list generated? **You can generate the archive list from data stored at seaphages.org** Once you have ALL phages entered at PhagesDB, you can generate an accurate archiving list from your Institution Page at seaphages.org. **Please** make sure the list is current, complete, and accurate (do not hand write in last minute samples)! **Email: debbie (djs@pitt.edu)** for deletion requests and/or to get phage page changes posted quickly.
3. How do we place tubes in the return tube box? The placement of tubes in the return box matters! **Please place the tubes in the order as they appear on your archive list follow the directions on the protocol. Please locate the starting point that is noted with green dot.**
4. Does it matter that we use the tube box sent? Please return the tubes of lysates in the box we send. **DO NOT SEND TUBES LOOSELY TOSSED IN A BAG. Having duplicate tubes in the same order as the archive list is important.**
5. How do we label the tubes? Label the tubes **using a blue/black permanent marker provided, legibly write the full phage name. Do NOT use tape, printed labels, or sticky dots. Do NOT send unlabeled tubes.**
6. If I can't make the December deadline, what should I do?
 - a. **Make an alternative plan**
 - b. **Contact debbie (djs@pitt.edu) with your plan**
 - c. **Execute the plan!**
7. Are leftover tubes still 'good'? **YES! Do not discard. Save for next year!**
8. If we offer the discovery course more than once a year, can we send archive samples once a year? **Yes! It is most preferred that you send your phages by calendar year. Send all phages for a single year at one time – the most preferred due date is December 15, 2023.**
9. If I miss the December 15th deadline, when can I send? **We will receive phages until December 19, 2024. Otherwise, secure a date with debbie (djs@pitt.edu) for after January 1, 2024.**
10. If my phage doesn't have a phage page, what can I do? You can check for the phage page by phage name at the [allphages list](#). (Sometimes the Institution is omitted so the phage name won't appear on your archive list.)

This information is also found at phagesDB: [Archiving FAQs!!](#)