

HYGIENE SWABS

SAMPLING CHECKLIST

- Marker
- Sample Form
- Environmental Swabs
- Ruler
- Frozen ice packs
- Cooler box



HOW TO USE

- Identify surface to be sampled (10 x 10cm).
- Wash your hands and wear a new set of examination gloves if possible.
- Unscrew the cap and lift the swab to just above the liquid. Press the swab lightly against the inside of the tube to remove excess fluid.
- Sample a 10 x 10cm area by placing the tip on the surface. Sweep from left to right moving down, then from top to bottom moving across. While sampling rotate the swab between your fingers to maximize uptake.



- Replace the swab in the tube, making sure the lid is secure.
- Mark the tube clearly.
- Place in cooler box on ice for transport to laboratory.

SAMPLE TRANSPORT

To ensure accurate results swabs must be kept cold immediately after sampling (in fridge or on ice), and transported to the lab within 48 hours of sampling. Samples should reach the lab by 13:00 on a Wednesday.

Note:

CS Vet Laboratory will assess the suitability of all samples. Should samples be deemed unsuitable, the client will be informed, and resampling will be requested.

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