

Hygiene swabbing

Materials required:

- Plastic swabs (5)
- Neutralising buffer
- Recording form

Sample collection:

- Break seal and remove swab from container.
- Moisten swab in neutralising buffer – only one buffer is needed to pre-moisten the five swabs.
- Swab an area approximately the size of an A4 page, rotating the swab during the sampling.
- Replace swab in the container.
- ENSURE FINGERS TO NOT TOUCH THE SWAB STICK OR SWAB.

Recordings:

- Record the sample number on the swab container.
- Record the description on the recording form.

Sending to laboratory:

- All samples should be kept refrigerated after sampling, and prior to shipping to the laboratory.
- Samples should be returned to the laboratory in a chilly bin with a chilly pack within 24 hours of sampling.

