

AFB Foster Method

- instructions for swabbing

1. Take swab from shaft and moisten the swab head in the water provided. **Do not touch the swab head (thicker end of the swab/swab tip) or near it.**
2. Remove excess water by pressing against the side of the container. To avoid contamination of the water provided, **do not place this swab in the water again after sampling (or after swab head touched any surface).** If this occurs, the water container must be discarded.
3. Rotate the swab head inside the entrance of the hive for 3-5 seconds, ensuring the swab head is coated in material. The swab may appear clean after sampling; this is acceptable.
4. Place the swab head inside the labelled tube provided (use one swab per tube). Lift the swab slightly to snap off the shaft by bending it 90 degrees.
5. Discard shaft and close the tube. Record the hive number/ID against the pre-labelled tube number and complete submission form (see over page).
6. Send samples to Awanui Veterinary Dunedin (Block A, Invermay Research Centre, Puddle Alley, Mosgiel 9092).
7. Up to 12 swabs can be pooled for testing. Individual swabs can also be tested.



Client details:

Company name:

Beekeepers reference:

Address:

Date of collection:

Contact person:

Phone:

Email:

Each AFB Foster Swab Sampling Kit contains: 12 labelled tubes, 12 sterile swabs, PCR grade water, AFB Foster method instructions. Please follow the instructions carefully and return the samples with the submission form to Awanui Veterinary Dunedin (address below).

*Please ensure all sample containers are clearly labelled with the pool ID you have provided below.
Testing for AFB is in pools (maximum of 12 hive swabs per pool).*

Tube No.	Pool ID.
1	
2	
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12	

Comments / observations:

<i>Laboratory use only</i>	<i>Case number label</i>
Date received:	
Processed by:	