

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

Hygiene Swab Sampling Kit

Samples should be kept cool until testing is performed.

STEP 1	Identify the site to be sampled. It is recommended to use a template for accurate results where possible (TS/15-T). 	STEP 2	Peel open the pouch with the pull tabs and remove the tube. Insert the tube in-between the second and third finger then grip it using the third and fourth finger. 
STEP 3	Whilst still holding the tube (as step 3), use the two free fingers from the same hand to remove the swab from the pouch holding it by the swab cap. Discard the pouch. Do not touch the swab tip or shaft and make sure that it does not touch any surface before sampling.	STEP 4	Take hold the tube using the opposite free hand. Place the tube cap at the base of the little finger on the hand holding the swab. Wrap the little finger around the tube cap and bend gently downwards. The cap should come off easily. Discard tube cap.
STEP 5	Place swab into tube to approx. 1/3 of the swab length or until the swab tip is known to be moistened with solution. Lift swab tip out above liquid level and press against the tube wall to remove excess liquid.	STEP 6	Hold the open tube in one hand, whilst using other hand to sample the defined area. Ensure the swab is used in 3 planes (horizontally, vertically and diagonally) across the whole area. The swab must also be rotated at all times between thumb and index finger to ensure that the entire swab surface is utilised. 
STEP 7	When sampling is completed, insert the swab into the tube and close tightly by pushing the cap onto and over the tube opening. 	STEP 8	Record sample details on the tube label. Transport samples to the testing laboratory as soon as possible or process samples according to existing procedure. Store samples at 4 - 8°C (or cool & dry as possible) and send to the laboratory as soon as possible for analysis. 

Have you considered? Sterile Sampling Sponge - TS/15-B