

Suggested Sampling Instructions for Non-Food Contact Surfaces

Personnel should thoroughly wash hands with soap and water before and after sample collection.

Materials:

1. Whirl-Pak Bag, Sterile Sponge (pre-wetted), Sterile Gloves (Pre-packaged) 1 per sampling site.
2. Predetermined sampling site of approximately 10" x 10" (100 in²), for more intricate surface areas, an equivalent area estimation or a "per part" sample is acceptable.
3. Permanent Ink Marker.

Procedure:

1. Separate the glove/sponge portion from the sponge Whirl-Pak at the perforation.
2. Tear off the clear, perforated strip at the top of the Whirl-Pak bag.
3. Put on the sterile glove.
 - Aseptically remove the sterile glove from the pouch by the top edge without contaminating.
 - Remove a glove by holding it from the wrist-side opening. Avoid any contact with the outer surface of the glove. Insert clean hand into glove, taking care not to puncture the glove.
4. Open the bag containing the sponge, wearing sterile gloves, being careful not to touch sponge to anything but the gloved hand.
5. With gloved hand, remove sponge from the bag.
6. Using firm, even pressure move sponge slowly and thoroughly over sampling area. First horizontally, vertically and diagonally.
7. Return sponge back to Whirl-Pak bag taking care not to contaminate the sponge or the bag with the ungloved hand.
8. Close the bag by folding the top down three times and bending the wire ends over onto the bag.
9. Label the sample using a permanent ink marker.
10. Keep sample(s) at a refrigerated temperature (35°-40°F) until it is submitted to the laboratory for analysis.