

CLIENT GUIDELINES

Microbiological Swabs – Using RediSwabs

The information in this guideline is being provided to you as a resource to enable you to develop a sampling plan for your operation prior to sampling and sending your sample to PrimusLabs.com for analysis. This is not a complete procedure however, but it is based upon the requirements of Compendium of Methods for the Microbiological Examination of Foods.

The analytical results for these samples are representative only of the actual sample sent to PrimusLabs.com (please see the Disclaimer of Warranties provided with the final approved results or on our web site – www.primuslabs.com).

SUPPLIES:

RediSwab (or equivalent)	Rubber gloves
Water resistant marker	Cooler
Gel ice packs	

REMARKS:

1. Do not open the RediSwab until you start sampling.
2. Samples should be taken just prior to sending them to the lab as analysis should begin within 24 hours of sampling.
3. Always use an overnight shipping company to send the samples to the lab.

PROCEDURE:

1. Select the equipment surface to be sampled.
2. Mark the outside of the sterile vial with sample identification number.
3. Put on a new pair of rubber gloves.
4. Open the RediSwab vial & remove the swab without touching the swab end.
5. Hold the swab handle to make a 30° angle contact with the surface.
6. Rub the swab end slowly and thoroughly over approximately 50 cm² of surface three times, reversing direction between strokes.
7. Return the swab to the solution vial, rinse briefly in the solution.
8. Swab four more 50 cm² areas of the same surface being sampled, as above, rinsing the swab in the solution after each swabbing.
9. After all areas have been swabbed, return the swab to the vial, ensuring the cap is tight.
10. Repeat steps 1 through 9 above for each additional sample.
11. Place the samples into a cooler with sufficient blue ice to maintain the sample condition during transport to the laboratory facility.

Note: If using water based ice, ensure that it is double-bagged to prevent contamination of the sample.