

Approximately half fill a supplied 70 mL sample jar with the liquid (to allow room for liquid expansion during freezing). Do not over-fill the jar. Always wear clean gloves (such as those provided in the sampling kit) when taking or mixing liquid samples to avoid sample contamination. Your test may not be accurate if you do not wear gloves.

Once you have entirely completed your sampling freeze all liquid samples at -18°C with the ice brick for at least 24 hours before sending to the lab. The freezer compartment of a properly functioning domestic refrigerator should achieve this. Ensure the samples are separated from food and out of the reach of children.

Posting Your Samples

Complete the order form included in the test kit. Place the samples into the bag liner inside the insulated bag. Seal the bag liner and insulated bag. Place the order form in the front pocket of the insulated bag. For non-account holders remember to also enclose your cheque or money order made payable to Microbiology Laboratories Australia. Place the bag in the Express Post satchel provided. Complete the sender's contact details on satchel. Remember to sign the 'No Dangerous Goods' declaration on the front of the satchel before posting or your samples may not arrive. Seal the satchel and post it in the special 'Gold' (yellow) Express Post boxes. If Express Post is not available in your area lodge the satchel in person over the counter at the Post Office to ensure that it arrives as soon as possible. Post the samples early in the week to help ensure they arrive at the laboratory the same week.

Remember

If you get stuck, help is only a phone call away. Call your local Agent (the person who supplied you with these sampling instructions) or contact Microbiology Laboratories Australia using the contact details below. Contact details for Agents and Microbe Labs can also be found on our website www.microbelabs.com.au.