

# NHLS Infection Control Services laboratory

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## Request Form for Public Health Samples

**SAMPLE COLLECTION**

DATE	TIME
DELIVERED BY: (signature)	

**SAMPLE DELIVERY**

DATE	TIME
RECEIVED BY: (signature)	

**CONDITION OF SAMPLE/S ON RECEIPT**

FROZEN	COLD (on ice)	ROOM TEMPERATURE
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**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR FOODS, DAIRY OR WATER SAMPLES**

SAMPLE TYPE	IDENTIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
1		
2		
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**SENDER'S DETAILS:**

Name:	
Company:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Cell #:	
E-mail address:	

**Please complete the relevant section on the next pages of this form**

### INFORMATION FOR FOOD SAMPLES

Was the food implicated in an outbreak of Foodborne disease?					
What was the incubation period (time from meal to development of symptoms) in hours?					
What symptoms were experienced?		Nausea		Vomiting	
Bloody diarrhoea		Abdominal cramps		Paralysis	
Was the food taken to establish the level of microbial contamination?		Diarrhoea			

### INVESTIGATIONS REQUIRED FOR FOOD SAMPLES

Total Plate count -a		Vibrio species -d	
Coliforms & E.coli -a		Yersinia species -b	
Salmonella species -b		Clostridium perfringens -c	
Shigella species -b		Staph aureus -c	
E.coli 0157 -b		Bacillus cereus -c	
Campylobacter species -b		Yeast & Moulds -a	
Listeria monocytogenes -b			

### HOW TO REQUEST FOOD TESTS

Food Quality: a
Food Poisoning: a+b+c
Food Poisoning Toxins: c
Vibrio infection: d*

**INFORMATION FOR WATER**

Water source (tap, borehole, well, spring, dam, river)					
Water for human consumption (Potable Water)					
Has the water been treated?					With what?
Sample related to possible waterborne disease?					

**INVESTIGATIONS REQUIRED FOR WATER SAMPLES**

Total Plate Count		
Coliforms & E.coli		

**INFORMATION FOR MILK OR DAIRY PRODUCT**

Pasteurised	
Raw milk	
Unknown	

Type of dairy product	
Milk Feed	
Milk Feed Powder	

**INVESTIGATIONS REQUIRED FOR MILK / DAIRY SAMPLES**

Total Plate Count			Brucella	
Coliforms & E.coli			Culture	
Phosphatase				
Methylene blue (only for Pasteurized Milk)				