

Bulk Sample Collection/Shipping Guidelines



Sample: Representative pieces of drywall, ceiling tile, insulation, carpet, padding, filters, dirt, etc.

Method: Quantitative culture on appropriate media for bacteria and/or fungi. The bacterial and fungal concentrations are expressed as colony forming units per gram of material (CFU/g). Direct microscopic exam can also be performed.

Collection:

1. Wearing gloves, remove a representative piece/portion of the sample. Typically a 1-2 inch square piece is sufficient.
 - ▲ *Avoid sending large bulks (ceiling tile, wall board, filters).*
 - ▲ *Extremely small samples will be processed for direct microscopic exam only.*
 - ▲ *Apply strict aseptic technique when collecting and submitting samples for culture.*
2. Record the unit area sampled. If there is no specific sample area, please mark "NA." Results are calculated using the areas provided.

Shipping:

2. Clearly label each sample with a Sample Number and complete the Chain of Custody (COC).
3. Place each sample in a Ziploc bag then in a box with sufficient packing material to prevent damage, along with the completed COC form.
4. Ship samples at ambient temperature Monday through Friday for receipt within 24 hours of collection.