



Sample Submission:

- Verify swab tube expiration date & correct swab tube type for desired analyses prior to sampling.
 - BLU-5HC – Indicator Organism sampling (ex. total bacteria, coliform, mold/yeast)
 - BLU-HC-P – Pathogen sampling (ex. Listeria & Salmonella)
- Press excess broth out of the swab tip against the inside of the tube to release some of the broth back into the main portion of broth. After sampling, clean each location sampled due to residual nutrients in neutralizing broth.
- Label each swab tube with a number and create a sample submission key with corresponding identification to accompany swab shipment. Visit [Packaging Consultants International - Forms \(pcilabs.com\)](http://www.pcilabs.com/forms) for the submission form if needed.
- Clearly indicate testing to be performed on the sample submission key (ex. Listeria sp., Salmonella sp., Total Bacteria Count, Total Coliform Count, and/or Yeast & Mold, etc.). Separate swabs for each sample location are needed for Listeria & Salmonella testing.
- Place all sampled & labeled swab tubes in a plastic storage bag prior to placing in an insulated shipper with frozen ice packs. Please bundle swabs in groups of 10 when larger quantities are being submitted & separate by analyses requested as applicable.
- Wrap swab tube bag(s) in bubble wrap to protect them from possible damage during shipment & label exterior of shipping box to indicate perishable contents (ex. “Swab Culturettes”)
- Ship the swab tubes along with the sample submission key via an Overnight Service the same day they are sampled for PCI to receive and test within 24 hours of sampling. They should not be shipped on Friday for weekend or Monday delivery.
- PCI should also receive notification of impending sample submission at customerservice@pcilabs.com

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