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**Swab Culturette Environmental Sampling Protocol**

**Sample Submission:**

- Read instructions on the tube for sample collection and tube use.
- Label each swab tube with a number and create a sample submission key with corresponding identification and numbers. NOTE: There is no need to label each swab tube with all details as long as an ID key is created and submitted.
- Clearly indicate the testing to be performed on the sample submission key (ex. Listeria sp., Salmonella, Staph aureus, Total Bacteria Count, Total Coliform Count, and/or Yeast & Mold)
- Do not return culturettes in the Fisher Sci plastic bag. Ship all in a plastic storage bag (ex. Ziploc) prior to placing in the shipping package
- Wrap swab tubes in bubble wrap to protect them from possible damage during shipment.
- Return the swab tubes along with the sample submission key
- Lab should receive notice of impending sample submission at least 24 hours in advance
- Culturettes should be sent via an overnight courier & should not be shipped on Friday for weekend delivery.
- Shipping box or envelope exterior should be clearly labeled “Swab Culturettes”

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