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**Water Sampling Protocol**

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- Minimum 200 mL of water in a sterile, leak and shatter proof vial/bottle.
- Let water run for 30 seconds before gathering. (Sanitize port/faucet for at least one minute if possible).
- Each sample should be placed in a plastic storage bag (ex. Ziploc).
- Clear identification of each sample on the outside of the storage bag.
- Sample should be wrapped in a protective material (ex. bubble wrap) that will prevent the vial from cracking & leaking during transportation.
- Lab should receive notice of impending water sample submission at least 24 hours in advance
- Sample should be kept on ice packs when shipped to lab if possible.
- Sample should be sent via an overnight courier to test within 24 hours of sampling.
- Sample should be clearly labeled “Water Sample” on the outside of shipping box.
- Samples should not be shipped on Friday for weekend delivery.

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