

Stool Collection Technique

1. Use an enteric outbreak kit. Do not use the kit if the date on the outer plastic bag is past due.
2. Remove the bottles from the plastic bag.
3. Fill in the following information on the label of the bag:
 - Camper/Staff LAST NAME, first name
 - Date specimen was collected
 - Date the camper/staff first started with symptoms (Onset date)
 - Outbreak number as given by SMDHU
 - i. Health unit # - year – outbreak number

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Do not remove this sticker from the bag.

4. The following information must be completed on each bottle:
 - Camper/Staff LAST NAME, first name
 - Date and time specimen was collected
 - Outbreak number as given by SMDHU
 - i. Health unit # - year – outbreak number

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Attach one small numbered sticker to each bottle. Do not remove or use the fourth numbered sticker.

5. Have the camper/staff member deposit a stool into a clean collection pan.
6. Put on gloves.
7. Using the spoon from the green capped vial:
 - Add 2 to 3 spoonfuls of faeces
 - Mix into the transport medium
 - Replace and tighten the cap
8. Using the spoon from the white capped vial:
 - Add faeces up to the line indicated
 - Replace and tighten the cap
9. Using the spoon from the yellow capped vial:
 - Add faeces up to the line indicated
 - Mix well
 - Replace and tighten the cap
10. Dispose of remaining faeces and collection material.
11. To ensure testing, the bottles must be free of faeces on the outside and capped to prevent any leakage. **Wash your hands** when you are done.
12. Place all bottles and requisition forms into the plastic bag and seal it by peeling off the blue strip.
13. Refrigerate (do not freeze) specimen immediately and contact health unit to arrange for specimen pick up and delivery to lab.