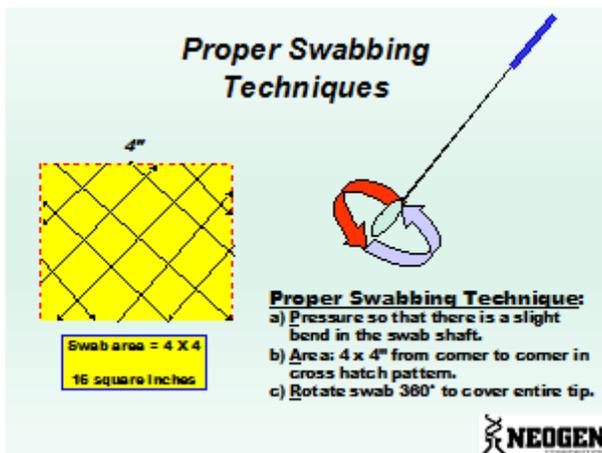


Environmental Allergen Swab Collection & Shipping Procedure

Allergen swab requests: Specific allergen swabs for collection can be requested by emailing clientservices@foodmicrolabs.com. You will need to request: the total quantity of swabs needed (1 per allergen, per site), and which specific allergens you intend to test for, as different extraction solutions are needed [‘Ethanol solution’ for gluten allergen or ‘PBS’ (Phosphate Buffered Saline)’ for all other allergens].

Sampling/Swabbing

1. Pre-moisten sterile swab by dipping the swab in the extraction solution provided.
2. Using a sterile swab, sample an area 4 in. x 4 in. using a crosshatch technique.
3. Place swab into original tube once sampling is complete. Remember to label each tube.



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Add a few drops of extraction solution to the bottom of the tube (do not fill higher than the bottom of the swab bud—see arrow at left).

Replace swab in tube, making sure it is sealed tightly. Store swabs in the refrigerator (2–8°C) until ready to ship.

Ship prepared swabs to their final destination using overnight service. Include an ice pack with the swabs to keep them cool during shipping.

NOTE: Swabs should arrive at the testing destination within 24 hours of collection.

*Note please do not submerge the swab as this invalidates the test

