

Collection and Submission of Food Sample for Bacteriological Examination



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Supplies Needed for Food Sample Collection



1— Food Collection Kit



1—Submission Form
LAB 504



1—State Seal

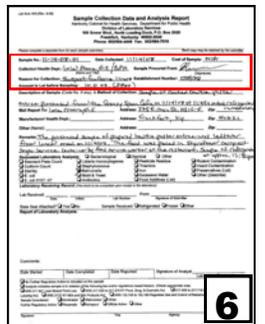
Collection



1. Select food to be sampled.
2. Obtain a minimum of 100 grams (3.5 oz) using the aseptic scoops, knife or tongue depressors provided in the food collection kit or, intact unopened containers.
3. If the sample is not in the original container, transfer to a sterile four ounce sampling bottle, whirl-pak bag or sample bag.



4. Identify sample source on sample form (LAB 504).
5. Seal with official seal. Pack in leak proof container, when in doubt refrigerate sample during transport. Use freezer packs or dry ice. Frozen samples should be kept frozen.



6. Fill out the submission form for each sample (LAB 504). Authorized Collector and Sanitarian ID, Date and Time of Collection, Owner/Occupant, County, and Submitter ID must be on the submission form.



7. Place sample and completed food sample form in styrofoam mailable cooler or other type of mailable package.
8. Remove backing from mailing label and affix to cooler or package.
9. The laboratory will accept and test authorized food samples only. Contact the Food Safety Branch at (502) 564-7181 and the Division of Epidemiology, Infectious Disease Branch, Reportable Disease Section at (502) 564-3261 for authorization of all food samples before shipping.
10. Ship or transport food samples overnight/next day.



If you have any questions about collection or submission of food samples, contact the Kentucky Division of Laboratory Services at (502) 564-4446.