



PCR SAMPLING GUIDE

PCR Air Samples

1. Obtain a 3-piece PCR air/dust-sampling cassette from LA Testing.
2. Remove the upper (blue) and lower (red) plugs of the cassette.
3. Attach a vacuum pump to the cassette through the lower opening.
4. Sample as much air as desired through the upper opening. There is no upper limit to sampling time.
5. Record the VOLUME of air sampled and ship cassette to LA Testing. No refrigeration is needed.

PCR Bulk Samples

1. Obtain a sterile swab and follow directions as described above for swabs.
2. Alternatively, you may submit a piece of the bulk sample for analysis.

PCR Swab Samples

1. Obtain a sterile swab from LA Testing to collect specimen.
2. Wearing gloves, remove swab from packaging material.
3. Swab the desired area thoroughly, rolling the swab lightly back and forth over sampling area. Be sure to record the AREA sampled.
4. Insert the swab into the tube and firmly close cap. Ship the swab to EMSL. No refrigeration is needed.

PCR Dust Samples

1. Obtain a 3-piece PCR air/dust-sampling cassette from LA Testing.
2. Remove the upper (blue) and lower (red) plugs of the cassette.
3. Attach a small piece of tubing to the upper opening. Cut a 45 degree angle at the end of the tubing.
4. Attach a vacuum pump to the cassette through the lower opening.
5. Begin collecting dust through the upper tubing. There is no upper limit to sampling time.
6. Ship the cassette to LA Testing. No refrigeration is needed.

