

Tarrant County Public Health Department North Texas Regional Laboratory 1101 S. Main St. Fort Worth, TX 76104

Instructions for Submitting Environmental Samples for Biological Agent Testing

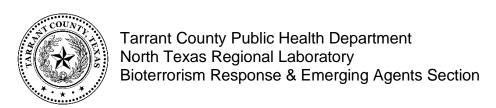
Environmental Samples:

- Will be accepted by Tarrant County Public Health, North Texas Regional Laboratory only after HazMat and law enforcement have performed their assessment to rule out radiological, explosives and chemical agents.
- 2) Samples deemed as a LOW threat will only be tested for specific suspected agents indicated. HIGH threat levels samples will be tested for ALL specific agents listed in form.
- 3) Only suspected samples such as swabs, powder, contaminated paper, letters or liquid should be submitted for testing. Samples should be double-bagged and put in a container no larger than necessary and should not exceed 15" X 15" x 15".
- 4) Package exterior must be decontaminated before delivery to laboratory.
- 5) Environmental Sample submission form must be completed and securely attached to sample or given directly to microbiologist performing testing.
- 6) Extraneous materials such as gloves, towels, and clothing MUST NOT be included with the samples. Extraneous materials should be placed in a biohazard bag and disposed of locally according to state and federal regulations.
- 7) Results of laboratory testing will only be released to the entity which submitted the sample.

Please contact The North Texas Regional Laboratory, Bioterrorism Response and Emerging Agents Section for additional information regarding environmental sample submission.

Tarrant County Public Health
North Texas Regional Laboratory
Bioterrorism Response and Emerging Agents Section

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BT Lab ID		
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<u>Submission Form – Environmental Samples</u>

I. Sub	mitting l	_aw Enforce	ment Agenc	y Informatio	on			
Date								
Law Enfor Agency Na								
Agency Address	Street Ad	dress:		City:		State:	Zip code) :
Name and Submitting								
Contact Information Phone: Fax:								
II. Sam	nple Info	rmation						
Case numb	per ID			Sample Collec	ction Date			
Package Exterior Decontaminated								
Sample Ha Screened F		☐ Explosives ☐Corrosive		□Radioactivity	□Oxidizer		nmable	
Specific Ag Suspected	_	Agent:					d Threat Le ee instructions	

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III. Description of Items/Samples

Type/Description	Quantity	Location Sample Collected

IV. Chain of Custody Information

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Released to	Name	Title	Contact Phone	
Tarrant County Laboratory Personnel ONLY	Date	Signature		
Ctorono	Address	Location/Bin No.	Stored by	
Storage Information	Date	Signature		
Returned to	Name	Title	Contact Phone	
Law Enforcement Agent ONLY	Date	Signature		

V. Destruction Information (if items/samples were not returned)

Destroyed by	Name	Title	Contact Phone
Tarrant County Laboratory Personnel ONLY	Date	Signature	
Destruction witnessed by	Name	Date	Signature

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