



# **MEMORANDUM**

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**Re:** Updated Sample Container Order Form

The Sample Container Order Form has been recently updated and is now in circulation and available for download on the <a href="mailto:BCCDC Laboratory Services webpage">BCCDC Laboratory Services webpage</a>. We kindly request that any questions pertaining to this form are submitted via email to <a href="mailto:kitorders@hssbc.ca">kitorders@hssbc.ca</a>; please do not contact the laboratories directly.

# **Summary of Changes**

#### 1. New form sections:

- Form now consists of three main sections:
  - i. Standard Sample Containers
  - ii. Non-Standard Sample Containers (Outbreak Kits & Environmental Samples)
  - iii. Requisition Forms Only

## 2. New sample containers:

- Non-Standard Sample Containers (Outbreak Kits & Environmental Samples):
  - i. 1 L Sterile Plastic Bottle for Legionella or treated water testing
  - ii. 1 L Non-Sterile Plastic Bottle for wastewater or untreated water testing
  - iii. Environmental Sponge for food quality testing

### 3. Items no longer offered:

- Standard Sample Containers:
  - i. Slides for Syphilis Testing; Dark Field/Direct Fluorescent Antibody test no longer performed
  - ii. Outbreak Kits for Influenza Like Illness; please order the number of swabs needed for your outbreak testing under "Viral Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) Swab, HSV, VZV, and Mpox" in the "Swab" section. The same testing requisition is now used for routine and outbreak testing of influenza like illness.
- Requisition Forms: *Please note that all BCCDC PHL forms are available for download on the* <u>BCCDC Laboratory Services Page</u> and the <u>BCCDC eLab Handbook</u> website.
  - i. Food Poisoning Form Part A Incident Summary (FP1)
  - ii. Food Poisoning Form Part B Requisition (FP1)
  - iii. Food Quality Sample Requisition (FQ)
  - iv. Gastrointestinal Disease Outbreak Requisition (GIOB)
  - v. Gastrointestinal Disease Outbreak Fax Form (GIOF)
  - vi. Water Bacteriology Requisition (WB)
  - vii. Zoonotic Diseases & Emerging Pathogens Requisition (ZEP)

Thank you,

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