

Short Guide to Sample Submission

What should be included in my submission:

- > All samples for testing
- Chain-of-custody form filled out in its entirety (can be found at Lab797.com)
- If samples have been incubated and only require identification of existing growth, please indicate this on the chain-of-custody
- Any special instructions or other requirements should also be noted on the chain-of-custody document
- Each individual sample should be clearly labeled with the same name written on the chainof-custody document

How to properly package samples:

- Each sample should be individually sealed with vinyl tape or parafilm to avoid contamination
- Samples should be placed into a whirl-pak bag, zip-lock bag, or similar
- It is suggested to ship within a small box; using soft envelopes can cause cracked or damaged samples
- > Do not use cold packs for samples that have not been incubated
- Cold packs are optional for samples that have been incubated and have growth (do not freeze!)

How to ship samples:

- Samples should be shipped immediately after sampling (or immediately after incubation for identification-only samples). If samples are not received within the first 3 days after sampling, the validity of test results may be affected.
- > Overnight shipping methods are recommended, however 2-day shipping is acceptable