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Collecting a faecal sample in an Outbreak

STEP 1 Use one of these methods to collect some of your faeces for testing at a laboratory

Hold a clean disposable plastic container underneath.



OR

Hold a clean plastic bag underneath.



OR

Stretch clean new cling film across the toilet so it sags in the middle



STEP 2 Use the scoop inside the lid of the container or a clean disposable spatula to transfer a small sample (cherry size) of faeces to the container.



STEP 3 Write your name on the label on the container and the date of the specimen.

Put the one container in the plastic bag and seal it as instructed.

Write your name, address, and date of birth on the form on the bag.



IMPORTANT

- Keep the faecal sample free from urine if possible.
- If blood or mucus are present in the faeces, some should be included in the sample.
- When you have transferred the sample to the container, dispose of the materials you used to collect it in the clinical waste.
- Wash your hands.

