

How to Collect GAP or Drinking Water Samples for Disease Testing

E.coli and Salmonella testing has grown over the past few years in our area. Due to the increase in testing, there are regulations that are required to be followed. Please follow the steps below to ensure the best possible sample is given to us for testing!

STEP ONE: Gathering your supplies

One of the regulations for testing GAP or Drinking Water is our special bottles. These bottles are given free of charge here at the lab. Simply come in and ask for one. Only these bottles are allowed for GAP or Drinking Water testing. Each bottle is sterilized and sealed here at our laboratory.

STEP TWO: Collecting your sample

The sample that goes into the bottle must come directly from the source. Say you're collecting from a kitchen sink, turn the water on and run it for at least 30 seconds. Triple (3 times) rinse the bottle and cap. Fill the bottle with that water directly from the source. **DO NOT** fill a separate bottle and pour into the sterilized bottle. It must come directly from the source. Place the lid tightly on the bottle and seal it in the original bag it came in. **DO NOT** write anything on the bottle, please write the ID on the outside of the bag.

STEP THREE: Bringing your sample in:

Once you've collected your sample for either GAP or Drinking Water, we must have it in our laboratory within 24 hours. If you do not have the sample back within 24 hours... the sample can not be received. PLEASE NOTE: We only receive samples Monday-Thursday before 3 pm.

STEP FOUR: What happens now?

Once your sample is received and relinquished, our technicians prep it to be read. After it's been in the incubator for 24 hours the sample is read and published. You'll receive the results like everything else, in your email.

As always, the best sample begins with you!

If you have any further questions please contact us.