

Submitting Swine Oral Fluid Samples

Oral fluid samples can be collected easily via cotton ropes coated with your pigs' saliva. A video on how to collect oral fluid samples is available at www.securepork.org. Once collected, follow the instructions below to package samples correctly. Under the guidance of your veterinarian, submit samples to the veterinary diagnostic laboratory to test for diseases.



Supplies Needed

- Disposable gloves
- Clean snap-cap or screw-top plastic tubes, or red-top tubes (without the separator material)
- Permanent marker
- Absorbent material
- Clean plastic bags
- Insulated, leak-proof container
- Ice packs
- Proper paperwork for the samples being submitted

Submitting Diagnostic Samples

1. Prepare Samples

- Wear disposable gloves to avoid contamination.
- Extract oral fluid from the rope into a clean tube before submitting to the diagnostic lab (see video). Make sure sample tubes are closed tight. Do not submit the ropes.
- Label all tubes (such as 1, 2, 3) with a permanent marker.

2. Complete Submission Form(s)

- Complete the proper paperwork with your Premises Identification Number (PIN) barcode that can be obtained at: premid.pork.org

3. Pack Samples

- Place the tubes into the boxes or bags in the same order as written on the submission form(s).
- Pack samples with an absorbent material such as paper towels in a plastic bag.
- Double bag specimens to avoid leakage.
- Place specimens in a properly insulated, leak-proof container, clearly marked on the outside as a frozen/refrigerated laboratory specimen.
- Include ice packs (never use ice cubes).
- Enclose the completed submission form(s) in a waterproof bag and place it on top of the specimens in the shipping container.

4. Ship Samples

- Address container to diagnostic lab as directed by your veterinarian.
- Shipping by overnight courier is preferred. The sender is responsible for shipping charges.

