

Stool Sample Collection Instructions

1. Place something in the toilet to catch the stool, such as a potty, plastic hat, or an empty plastic food container, or spread clean newspaper or plastic wrap over the rim of the toilet.
2. For babies and small children turn disposable diaper inside out or line with plastic wrap to prevent stool sample from being absorbed, scrape stool from surface of plastic wrap.
3. Make sure the sample does not touch the inside of the toilet.
4. Take care not to urinate in or on the stool sample or in the collection container.
5. Use the spoon or spatula that comes with the container to place the sample in a clean screw-top container and screw the lid shut.
6. If given multiple collection containers, fill the liquid containing colored top containers first up to the red full line and store at room temperature. Note: this fluid may be poisonous. DO NOT DRINK. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.
7. If given a white plan container, this needs to be a fresh stool sample and delivered to the lab within two (2) hours maximum.
8. Place anything you used to collect the sample in a plastic bag, tie it up and put in the trash.
9. Label the container with your name, date of birth, date and time of collection.
10. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm running water.

Please contact the Hammond-Henry Lab at (309) 944-9114 if you have any questions or concerns about the collection process.