

Gloved Fingertip and Thumb Sampling

Name:				Job Title:					
Date:		Time:		Check	Notes				
Gather and prepare sampling plates - one plate per hand.									
Label each sampling plate with a personnel identifier (i.e., initials); Right or Left hand.									
DO NOT APPLY STERILE 70% ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL TO GLOVES IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TOUCHING THE SAMPLING DEVICE, WHICH COULD CAUSE A FALSE-NEGATIVE RESULT.									
Wipe the work surface with sterile 70% isopropyl alcohol; allow to dry.									
Don garbing, including sterile gloves.									
Using a separate sampling plate per hand, roll all finger pads & thumb pad over agar surface.									
Cover and invert plates to prevent condensation from forming on agar; incubate at 30-35°C for no less than 48 hours and then at 20-25°C for no less than five additional days.									
					Thumb	Index	Middle	Ring	Pinky
Record the number of cfu per Right hand.									
Record the number of cfu per Left hand.									
Attach report.				TOTAL cfu					
Action Levels for Gloved Fingertip and Thumb Sampling^a									
Gloved Fingertip & Thumb Sampling.				Action Levels (total cfu count from both hands)					
Initial sampling after garbing.				0					
Subsequent sampling after media-fill testing (every 6 months).				≤3					

Successful completion of initial gloved fingertip and thumb sampling is defined as zero colony-forming units (cfu). Successful completion of subsequent gloved fingertip and thumb sampling after media-fill testing is defined as ≤3 cfu (total from both hands). ^aAction levels are based on the total cfu count from both hands.

Signature

Printed name

Date