## Suggested Sampling Instructions for Non-Food Contact Surfaces

Personnel should thoroughly wash hands with soap and water before and after sample collection

## **Materials:**

- 1. Whirl-Pak Bag, Sterile Sponge (pre-wetted), Sterile Gloves (Pre-packaged) 1 per sampling site
- 2. Predetermined sampling site of **approximately 10" x 10"** (100 in<sup>2</sup>), for more intricate surface areas, an equivalent area estimation or a "per part" sample is acceptable.
- 3. Permanent Ink Marker

## **Procedure:**

- 1. Separate the glove/sponge portion from the sponge Whirl-Pak at the perforation
- 2. Tear off the clear, perforated strip at the top of the Whirl-Pak bag
- 3. Put on the sterile glove.
  - a. Remove the sterile glove from the pouch by the top edge with out contaminating (touching, breathing on, contacting etc.) the glove
  - b. Remove a glove by holding it from the wrist-side opening. Avoid any contact with the outer surface of the glove. Insert clean hand into glove, taking care not to puncture the glove.
- 4. Open the bag containing the sponge, wearing sterile gloves, being careful not to touch sponge to anything but the gloved hand.
- 5. With gloved hand, remove sponge from the bag.
- 6. Using firm, even pressure move sponge slowly and thoroughly over sampling area. First horizontally, then vertically:





- 7. Return sponge back to Whirl-Pak bag taking care not to contaminate the sponge or the bag with the ungloved hand.
- 8. Close the bag by folding the top down three times and bending the wire ends over onto the bag.
- 9. Label the sample using a permanent ink marker.
- 10. Keep sample(s) at a refrigerated temperature (35°-40°F) until it is submitted to the laboratory for analysis.

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