

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**FDOH LAB # E23759****IRCHD Laboratory Collection and Submittal Information**

IRCHD Lab accepts potable water samples **Monday through Thursday, 8:00am to 4:00 pm.** Samples will not be accepted on days prior to a holiday. Analysis fee is \$25.00 per sample. Only IRCHD Lab provided containers will be accepted by lab.

Cleanliness and care are always important when collecting water samples. **Care must be taken to prevent anything but the water sample from contacting the container opening, the inside of the container, or the interior of the cap.**

- ◆ Sample bottles provided are sealed, sterile and contain a chlorine neutralizing agent.
- ◆ Do not rinse the sample container prior to collecting sample.
- ◆ If collecting raw (well) and after treatment (interior tap), collect raw first.
- ◆ Select a faucet that is regularly used.
- ◆ Remove all hoses, aerators, filters prior to collection.
- ◆ Open spigot and purge a sufficient volume to flush the plumbing line (3 to 5 minutes).
- ◆ Reduce flow.
- ◆ Remove the seal and cap from the bottle. **Do not touch the interior of the cap or the container with your hand or the rim of the spigot.**
- ◆ Tilt the container so that flow falls into the interior surface.
- ◆ Fill the bottle to or above the 100 mL line.
- ◆ Immediately replace cap and tighten securely.
- ◆ After collection, all sample containers shall be uniquely labeled. Place the container in a plastic bag with wet ice for transport, and immediately delivered to lab.

Fill out the sample submission form completely. Record name, address, phone number, type of system, date, time of collection, and specific location of collection (i.e. kitchen sink) on reporting form. With multiple sample submission, lab personnel must be able to differentiate samples with information reported on form. **Call with questions: 772-794-7440**

