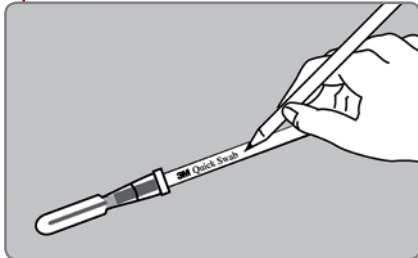


# 3M™ Quick Swab

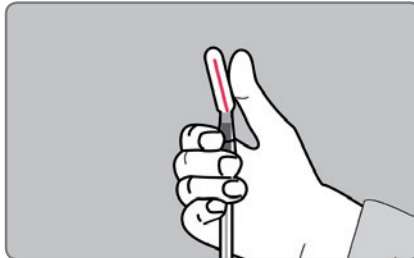
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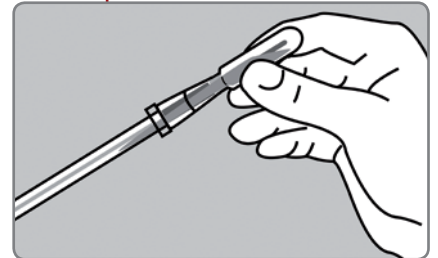
### Wet Swabbing Method



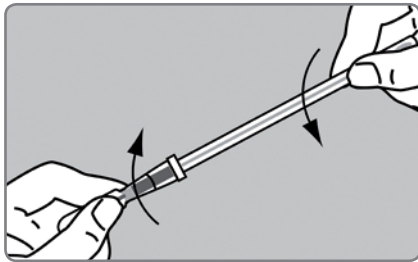
**1** Remove the desired quantity of 3M™ Quick Swabs from the resealable plastic bag. Label the swab.



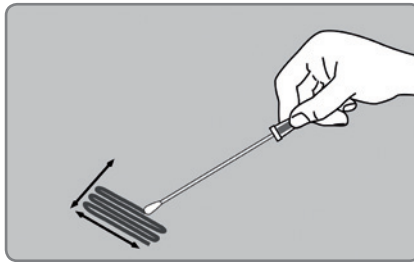
**2** At the sampling location, prepare the swab by holding it with the bulb end near your thumb. Bend the red snap valve at a 45° angle until you hear the valve break. This allows the letheen broth to flow into the tube end and wet the swab.



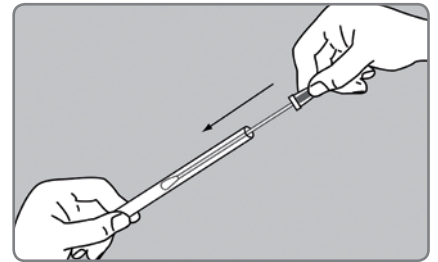
**3** Squeeze the bulb of the swab to transfer all of the letheen broth to the tube end of the swab.



**4** Twist and pull apart the bulb end of the swab from the tube end of the swab which contains the letheen broth.

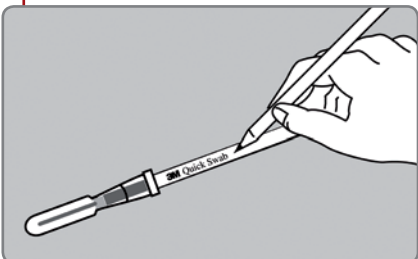


**5** Hold the swab handle to make a 30° angle with the surface. Rub the swab slowly and thoroughly over the desired surface area. Rub the swab three times over this surface, reversing direction between alternating strokes.

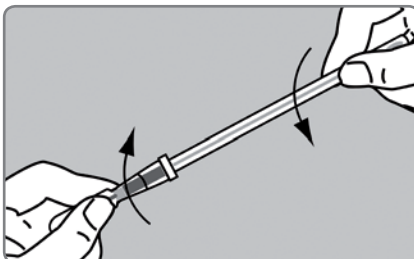


**6** After sampling is complete, securely insert the swab back into the swab tube and transport to the lab for inoculation. Plate the letheen broth swab solution as soon as possible. Go to step 7 of the Inoculation Methods Section.

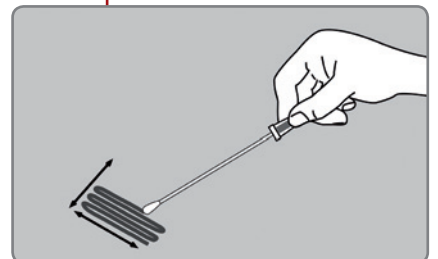
### Dry Swabbing Method



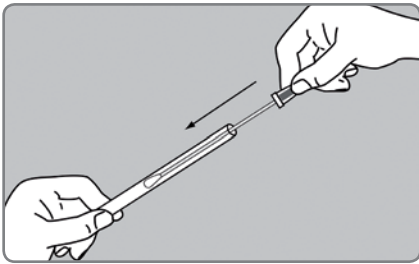
**1** Remove the desired quantity of 3M Quick Swabs from the resealable plastic bag. Label the swab.



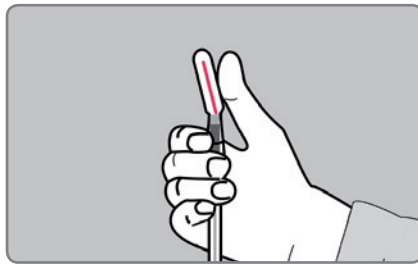
**2** Twist and pull apart the tube end of the swab from the bulb end of the swab which contains the letheen broth.



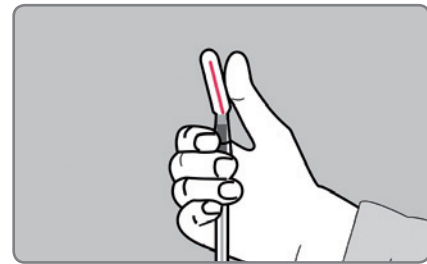
**3** Hold the swab handle to make a 30° angle with the surface. Rub the swab slowly and thoroughly over desired surface area. Rub the swab three times over this surface, reversing direction between alternating strokes.



**4** After sampling is complete, securely insert the swab back into the swab tube and transport to the lab for inoculation.



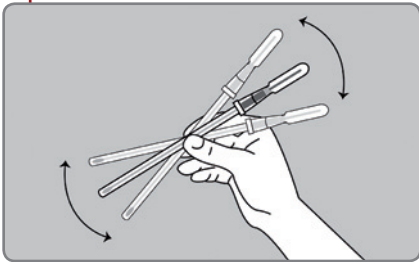
**5** Prepare the swab by holding it with the bulb end near your thumb. Bend the red snap valve, at a 45° angle until you hear the valve break. This allows the letheen broth to flow into the tube end and wet the swab.



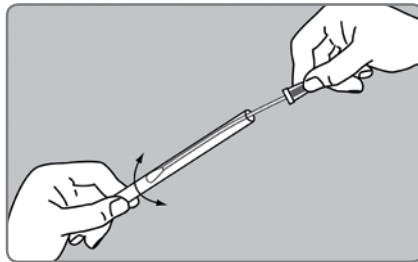
**6** Squeeze the bulb of the swab to transfer all of the letheen broth into the tube end of the swab. Go to step 7 of the Inoculation Methods Section. Plate the letheen broth swab solution as soon as possible.

## Inoculation Methods

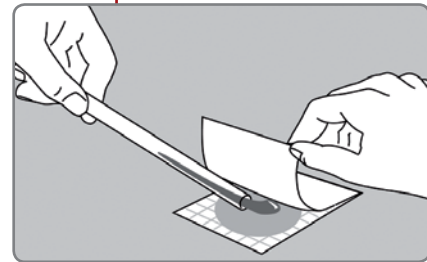
### 1mL Procedure



**7** In the lab, vigorously shake or vortex the swab for 10 seconds, to release bacteria from the swab tip.



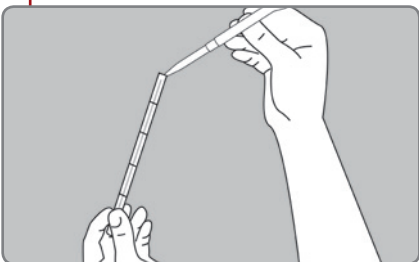
**8** Wring out the contents of the swab tip by pressing and twisting the swab against the wall of the tube.



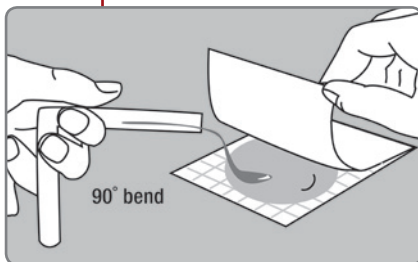
**9** Carefully pour the entire contents of the tube onto a 3M™ Petrifilm™ plate. Follow current industry standards for disposal.

### Multi-mL Procedure

**1** Complete steps 1-6 above for either the wet or dry swabbing method.



**2** Remove the swab from the tube. Add 1-3 mLs of sterile diluent to the swab tube. Replace the swab in the tube. Complete steps 7 & 8 of the 1mL Inoculation Procedure.



**3** Use your thumb to bend the swab tube at a 90° angle at the highest mark that has diluent above it. Pour off a 1mL aliquot onto a Petrifilm plate. Repeat until the entire sample is used. Follow current industry standards for disposal.

Refer to Petrifilm plate product package inserts for proper incubation and interpretation instructions.

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