

AFB Foster Method Instructions.

MATERIALS IN SAMPLING KIT:

- Swab
- 2ml tube (clear with lid)
- Container of sterile water (blue)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SWABBING:

1. Take the swab (do not handle the thicker swabbing end) and moisten the cotton end of the swab in the water supplied. Press off excess water against the side of the container (do not place this swab in the water again after sampling due to contamination risk. If 'double dipping' occurs, discard container).
2. Through the entrance of the hive, swab across the inside of the entrance – rotating the swab between your fingers as you do so (in order to coat all parts of the swab head with material).
Swab for 3-5 seconds (the swab may appear clean after sampling – this is fine).
3. Uncap plastic 2ml tube and place the thicker end of swab into the tube. Lift the swab up slightly and snap off the shaft against the side of the tube so that the thick end of the swab drops back into the tube. Discard the plastic shaft and close the cap.



4. Record the hive number/ID against a pre-labelled tube number
5. Send samples to **dnature**
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