

SAMPLING AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Method 1623: *Cryptosporidium & Giardia*

Please read all the instructions before sampling.

Before Sampling

- If provided, remove blue refrigerant packs from shipping container and place in freezer. The packs **must be frozen** before returning samples to the laboratory.
- Plan to have samples collected just prior to the normal pick-up time of your **overnight** carrier.

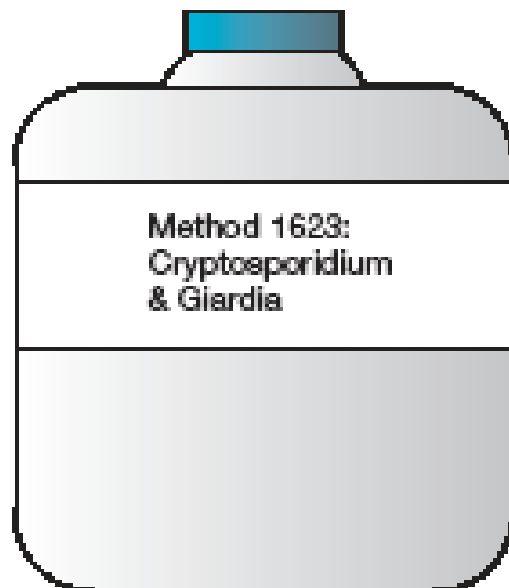
Sampling Steps

1. Fill the 10 L cubitainer to the neck of the bottle.
2. Indicate sampling date, time, site and name of sampler on both the bottle labels and the enclosed Chain of Custody. Information on the Chain of Custody and labels must match and be complete.

Shipping Instructions

- Place zip-lock bags of wet ice, ice packs (if provided), samples and Chain of Custody into the shipping container and return to the laboratory **immediately** after collection.
- The method specified acceptable temperature upon receipt is <20°C and not frozen.
- Sample must be hand delivered or sent by an **overnight** carrier.

- **Method 1623: *Cryptosporidium & Giardia*** requires the sample to be received at the laboratory within **24 hours** of collection time.
 - Alert the laboratory about incoming samples. This will help the laboratory serve you better and accelerate processing your samples.
- Note:** Please schedule sample collection to allow samples to be received at the laboratory Monday–Thursday. Samples should not be shipped to the laboratory for Friday receipt.



Quantity