

Packaging and Labeling

- ▲ Please follow all instructions carefully.
- ▲ It is essential that all cards have dried for at least 3 hours before packaging and shipping
- ▲ Instructions for labeling FTA cards and multi-barrier pouches may be found in the *FTA[®] Elute Micro Card Sample Preparation and Inoculation Procedures*
 1. Ensure that all cards have been accurately labeled and match the information listed on the sample submission sheet.
 2. Affix a biohazard label to the multi-barrier pouch. Ensure that the multi-barrier pouch is correctly labeled. This should match the corresponding FTA card.
 3. Place one FTA card and one desiccant into the corresponding multi-barrier pouch and seal. Repeat for all samples.
 4. Sealed pouches may be placed directly into your shipping container/ envelope.

Shipping

- ▲ Sign your completed Identification Request Form. Retain a copy for your records.
- ▲ Enclose the Identification Request Form with your samples in your shipping container/ envelope.
- ▲ According to postal regulations, the outside shipping container should not contain any reference to biological or biohazardous materials.
- ▲ For further detail on appropriate shipping, please refer to the United States Postal Service Publication 52- Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail: Packaging Instruction 6H, Risk Group 1 Materials . Refer to the paragraph concerning “Solid (or Dried) Specimens”. This can be found at http://pe.usps.gov/text/pub52/pub52c_023.html. Customers are responsible for ensuring compliance with postal regulations.