

Instructions for Sample Preparation: Live Cultures

Pure cultures are essential for microbial identification when submitting samples for 16S Sequencing for Bacterial Isolates, ITS2 Sequencing for Fungal Isolates, and AccuPRO-ID[®] Microbial Identification.

1. Complete the Identification Request Form (IRF)

- If more than one colony type is present, and only the dominant colony type is to be identified, please check the appropriate box.
- If all morphologically distinct colony types are to be identified, please indicate this.
(Note: subculturing fees will be applied if necessary).
- If only one type of colony is to be identified, circle the colony of interest with a permanent marker on the sample lid and dish, and check the appropriate box.



3. Enclose in primary container



2. Wrap sample plates in Parafilm

- Ensure that the customer sample ID on plate(s) match the customer sample ID on the IRF.



4. Enclose in a box with insulated secondary container with IRF



5.

Ship OVERNIGHT at ambient temperature

- Refer to the Accugenix Shipping Guide for specific labeling and documentation required before shipping.
- Both temperature and time are critical factors that will affect results when shipping live cultures for AccuPRO-ID. Samples should not be exposed to or stored below Room Temperature (20 – 25°C) at anytime. The total time from sample inoculation to arrival at Accugenix should not exceed 48 hours to ensure immediate processing. Live cultures exceeding 48 hours of age upon receipt at Accugenix may have to be subcultured thereby delaying the requested turnaround time for results.



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