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Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture (DoAG) Staff work to minimize the risk of illness associated with CT shellfish. Any form of illness associated with CT shellfish could be detrimental to our image, credibility, and market.

FDA standards maintain the integrity of our laboratory and sample results. DoAG only performs FDA-approved laboratory procedures. **The following sampling requirements were outlined by the FDA, and are essential to obtaining representative results:**

	Water Samples	Meat Samples
Scheduling	Please schedule all samples prior to collection. The Department of Public Health can also process water samples. Both labs require advanced scheduling.	
Sample sheets	Please provide COMPLETE sheets with your samples, including collection time. This is critical, and will allow us to give you results sooner.	
TC	A temperature control (TC) must be provided and must be between 0-10°C.	
Ice	Samples must be iced immediately following collection, and transported and delivered on ice. Please ensure samples are not floating in ice melt.	
Lab availability	Monday-Thursday (please deliver no later than 12pm on Thursday)	Monday-Wednesday (please deliver no later than 12pm on Wednesday)
Time limits	Samples must be processed within 30 hours of collection	Samples must be processed within 24 hours of collection
Collection containers	Please use the sterile sample bottles provided by DoAG.	Please use a clean air-tight bag.
Sample amount	Please provide 1 labeled bottle per station, with a minimum of 100mL/sample.	Please provide 15 shellfish per sample in a labeled bag.
Unacceptable samples	The following will NOT be processed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cracked sample bottles • Frozen samples/samples containing ice • Samples without an airspace 	Cracked/gaping/dead shellfish will not be processed

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