

Guidelines on submitting a shellfish sample to the Fish Health Unit:

1. Please ensure all collected shellfish for testing are alive or moribund. Please do not submit dead shellfish to the laboratory.
2. Sample should contain at least 30 animals unless otherwise requested by lab staff.
3. Suitable containers for samples are: Polystyrene box; Jiffy bag; or other insulated and **LEAKPROOF** container/bag.
4. Details to be included with the sample:
 - Name of company
 - Bay
 - Origin and date of arrival of batch on site
 - Mortality levels in the batch
 - Contact details of sender

5. Sample should be addressed to:

*Sample Reception,
Fish Health Unit,
Marine Institute
Rinville, Oranmore
Co. Galway
H91 R673*

6. Method of Transport:
 - The preferred method of transport is by overnight delivery using An Post. In the event that this isn't possible another overnight courier delivery service can be used, however the laboratory should be informed as to which courier you have used.
 - Samples should **arrive** at the lab from **Tuesday – Thursday** via an overnight delivery service. Alternatively, samples can be personally dropped into the lab on Mondays.
 - Please do not submit samples for testing on Friday.
 - Please do not send samples over the weekend to arrive on Monday.

7. Notify the Lab:

Please telephone 091 -387200 or email fhugalway@marine.ie to let the laboratory know the sample is on its way.

If you have any further questions regarding sample submission, please contact us at the above details.