

FOOD SAFETY MICROBIOLOGY SECTION

Test requested	Max Days: Collection to Analysis*	Sample refusal qualifications	Date samples received at Laboratory (before 2pm)**:				
			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Date results available***:				
Raw Beef (N60/Ground beef)	5	Refuse if temp >15°C	Tuesday (Only tested if collected same day)	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Following Tuesday
Sponge (Environmental & Food Contact - Listeria)	3	n/a	Wednesday (Only tested if collected same day)	Thursday	Friday	Following Tuesday	Following Wednesday
RTE Meats	No limit	Refuse if temp >15°C unless shelf stable	Wednesday (Only tested if collected same day)	Thursday	Friday	Following Tuesday	Following Wednesday
Sponge (Carcass – E.coli)	1	Refuse if temp >15°C or <0°C at arrival	Tuesday (Only tested if collected same day)	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Not tested
Sponge (Carcass – Campylobacter)	2	Refuse if temp >15°C or <0°C at arrival	Wednesday (Only tested if collected same day)	Thursday	Friday	Following Monday	Following Monday
KIS Test	1	Refuse if frozen at arrival	Same day (If before 2pm)				

*Days Collection to Analysis: Sample collected at Day 0, shipped same day overnight arrives on Day 1.

**Best case scenario - not including any technical issues or Holidays.

***Results available if negative, positive confirmation takes up to 7 additional days.