All samples should be kept cool until testing is performed.

STEP 1 Identify the site to be sampled.	STEP 2 Hold the swab with both hands and pull the swab cap away from the tube, breaking the security seal in the process.
STEP 3 Remove swab using the cap as a holder. Do not touch the swab tip or shaft and make sure that it does not touch any surface before sampling.	STEP 4 Keep the open transport tube with solution within reach, sample designated area using a template if possible. If the area permits, swab in 3 planes (horizontal, vertical and diagonal) whilst rotating.
STEP 5 When sampling is completed insert swab into the tube and push cap on tightly.	STEP 6 Write sample details on label, store in a cool $(4^{\circ}C - 8^{\circ}C)$, dry area and send to the laboratory within 24 hours for analysis.

Have you considered?

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