Please read all sections of this card before initiating sample credibility assessment or biothreat sample collection.

If people on the scene have become ill after exposure, a chemical or biotoxin event is likely. Avoid area and contact Fire/HazMat immediately.

(Not for use in NYC. If you are within NYC jurisdiction, please call the NYC DOHMH at (212)447-1091 for sample collection guidance.)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Albany FBI: (518) 465-7551
Buffalo FBI: (716) 856-7800
New York City FBI: (212) 384-1000
Regional HAZMAT: ______________________
Regional NYSP: ________________________
NYSIC: (866) 486-9742

**Mandatory Notification:** Alert New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC) at CIU@nysic.ny.gov

**TESTING LABORATORIES**

1. Regional Collection Lab

2. NYSIC: (866) 486-9742

**COLLECTION MATERIALS NEEDED**

- 1 Biothreat Collection kit
- 2 pairs of protective gloves PER PERSON
- 1 N95 (or better) respirator PER PERSON

**TESTING LABORATORIES**

- Wadsworth Center Lab: (518) 474-4177
- NYSDOH After Hours: (866) 881-2809
- Erie County Lab: (716) 898-6100
- Westchester County Lab: (914) 231-1610
- Local Health Dept: ______________________
- Local Law Enforce: ______________________

**REMEMBER:**

- Complete Chain of Custody and Biothreat Tracking forms.
- Do not put red bag in sample transport bucket.
- Dispose of bleach wipes and waste in red biohazard bag.
- Make contact with the nearest LRN testing lab.
- Field screening for biological material is NOT recommended.
- Only HAZMAT should open sealed packages or letters.
- All samples must be cultured or analyzed before dispatch.
- When disposing of red bag, wash hands.
- Minimize sample handling until sample is contained.

**CODE RED**

New York State Biological Threat Response Protocol

**BIOHazard RESPONSE**

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ITEM Collection Procedure
1. Identify two-person collection team and roles (collector or facilitator).
2. Open biothreat collection kit in cold zone and get item collection materials ready.
3. Don appropriate PPE in cold zone.
4. Team will cautiously walk into hot zone with collection materials.
5. Collector will directly place item into ziplock bag held open by facilitator.
6. Facilitator will seal ziplock bag (don’t force air out of bag) and decontaminate outside of bag with bleach wipes.
7. Facilitator will place bagged item in second ziplock bag.
8. Facilitator will decontaminate outside of second bag with bleach wipe.
9. Collector and facilitator will remove outer layer of gloves and place them in red biohazard waste bag.
10. Team will proceed to cold zone with contained item and waste bag.
11. Facilitator will place bagged item in hard-sided container and close.
12. Collector will secure access to container with 2 pieces of evidence tape and will sign and date them.
13. Remove remaining PPE and wash hands with soap and water or ethanol-based hand sanitizer.
14. Proceed to enter information on ‘Chain of Custody’ and ‘LRN Tracking’ forms.

BULK POWDER Protocol
1. Identify two-person collection team and roles (collector or facilitator).
2. Open biothreat collection kit in cold zone and get bulk powder collection materials ready.
3. Don appropriate PPE in cold zone.
4. Team will cautiously walk into hot zone with collection materials.
5. Collector will use laminated card and dry swab to move powder onto one laminated card.
6. Facilitator will hold open collection cup, and collector will place card and powder into cup.
7. Facilitator will seal cup securely.
8. Facilitator will place cup in a ziplock bag.
9. Collector will place swab in tube held by facilitator and snap off tip.
10. Facilitator will seal tube and place in sample bag.
11. Facilitator will seal ziplock bag and decontaminate outside of bag with bleach wipe.
12. OPTIONAL: Repeat collection (steps 5-10), with second card and swab if significant powder remains.
13. Decontaminate residual material on surface for two minutes with bleach wipe.
14. Collector and facilitator will remove outer layer of gloves and place them in red biohazard waste bag.
15. Team will proceed to cold zone with bagged bulk powder samples (cup and swab) and red waste bag.
16. Facilitator will place bagged samples in hard-sided container and close.
17. Collector will secure access to container with two pieces of evidence tape and will sign and date them.
18. Team will remove remaining PPE and wash hands with soap and water or ethanol-based hand sanitizer.
19. Proceed to enter information on ‘Chain of Custody’ and ‘LRN Tracking’ forms.

STANDARD Collection Protocol
1. Identify two-person collection team and roles (collector or facilitator).
2. Open biothreat collection kit in cold zone and get standard collection materials ready.
3. Don appropriate PPE in cold zone.
4. Pre-wet gauze with one milliliter of water and place in sample cup.
5. Team will cautiously walk into hot zone with collection materials.
6. Collector will use wetted gauze to collect powder using back and forth sweeping motions on surface.
7. Facilitator will hold open collection cup and collector will place gauze swipe into cup.
8. Facilitator will securely seal cup.
9. Facilitator will place cup in a ziplock bag and seal.
10. Facilitator will decontaminate outside of bag with bleach wipe.
11. OPTIONAL: Repeat collection (steps 6-9), with second gauze if needed.
12. Decontaminate residual material on surface for two minutes with bleach wipe.
13. Collector and facilitator will remove outer layer of gloves and place them in red biohazard waste bag.
14. Team will proceed to cold zone with contained material and waste bag.
15. Facilitator will place sample in hard-sided container and close.
16. Collector will secure access to container with two pieces of evidence tape and will sign and date them.
17. Team will remove remaining PPE and wash hands with soap and water or ethanol-based hand sanitizer.
18. Proceed to enter information on ‘Chain of Custody’ and ‘LRN Tracking’ forms.