

## **Exposure air plate method**

## Sample collection:

- 1. Wipe the horizontal surface on which the plate is to be placed.
- 2. Lay out agar plate base down. The base contains the agar and is smaller in circumference than the lid.
- 3. Remove lid to expose agar. Leave for 15 minutes.
- 4. Close plates and record on air plate sample sheet the location of the exposed plate.
- 5. Place numbered plates and recorded sheets in bags provided.
- 6. Place all information in the chilly bin, along with an ice pack.

## Sending to laboratory:

• Send to the laboratory within 8 hours of sampling or hold at 4°C until ready to send.



Please refer to our current price book for sample types, test turn-around times and pricing. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact your local Awanui Scientific laboratory or Territory Manager.