Sample Collection Procedure

1. If the sampling tap is metallic, apply surgical spirit around mouth of the tap both from inside and its outside. Use flame to burn it to disinfect.
2. If the tap is plastic, then avoid the first step.
3. Let water run from the tap for a minute.
4. Do not touch or get in contact with the opening of the tap after disinfection.
5. Disinfected 125ml glass bottles shall be used for sampling.
6. Remove the cap from the sterile collection bottle, being careful not to contaminate either the inside of the cap or bottle.
7. Grasp the bottle near its base and allow the bottle to be field by the running tap.
8. Always keep the mouth of the bottle/container ahead of the hand so as not to contaminate the sample.
9. Replace the cap immediately after the fill.
10. Store the samples on ice immoderately for transport to the laboratory.
11. The date and time of the sample, the location of the sample, name of the island including Atoll (if the sample is to be taken to different island for testing) shall be labeled on the bottle.

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