

## SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING *ESCHERICHIA COLI* SCHEME

### food microbiology examinations

**Sample schedule for 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027**

Distribution number	Sample numbers	Dispatch date	Date results due by	Examinations required <b>Samples can only be examined using molecular methods</b>
STX20	STX039 STX040	06/07/2026	31/07/2026	Detection of the major virulence genes associated with <i>Escherichia coli</i> serogroups O157, O111, O26, O103, O145 and O104:H4 (STEC) Includes detection of <i>stx</i> -coding genes and the presence of the intimin-coding gene <i>eae</i>
STX21	STX041 STX042	25/01/2027	19/02/2027	