

# Outbreak Response Field Manual – Yellow Book



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**CHOLERA OUTBREAK RESPONSE**  
FIELD MANUAL

- Booklet – pocket format
- Electronic format
  - Web-based and Phone-based
  - Downloadable appendices

<https://choleraoutbreak.org/>



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### Epidemiological Surveillance

- Describe the outbreak (who is affected, where the

# Cholera App



- Tools and resources
  - Calculators
  - Job aids
  - Decision tree
- Android and Iphone
- Offline

### Key points

- RDTs do not replace stool culture to confirm cholera. Samples with positive RDT results should be sent to the reference laboratory for confirmation
- RDTs are used as a tool **for early outbreak detection only** and once the outbreak is declared **for triaging the samples** to be sent to the laboratory.
- RDT are not useful for individual diagnosis since the clinical management of patients is primarily guided by their degree of dehydration, regardless of RDT result.
- RDT should be performed on fresh stool at the time of collection ideally and should be processed within 2 hours collection.
- Stool specimens should be collected from

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Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.  
Put on the gloves. Use new gloves for each patient.



