### FIGHT AGAINST BLIGHT

Response form – 2025 and instructions (see over)

#### **Please complete and insert with sample**

Unique Reference Number from FAB website (used for leaves **and** FTA sample)

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# Postcode where sample found

County where sample found:

**Where was the outbreak found?** *(Please circle)*

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| Conventional Crop | Volunteer | | | Outgrade pile (dump) | | Garden/Allotment | | Other (eg.Trial, Organic Crop) |
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| Potato variety | | |  | |  | |  | |
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| Date sample taken | |  | | |  | |  | |

###### Type of outbreak *(Please circle)*

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| Single plant | Patch (1m2) | Several patches | Scattered  through field | Very severe |

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| Any other comments | | |

Your name Your mobile phone number

Please send me a replacement sampling kit

For laboratory use only

Sample received by

Date

**Confirmed Negative**

**Sampling and Postage Instructions:**

Please send us up to 8 lesions per outbreak (4 fresh leaf lesions **AND** 4 lesions pressed onto an FTA card). *Note: We need live samples for mating type and fungicide sensitivity testing and the FTA samples allow us to provide you more rapid feedback.*

Please sample as follows:

### Step 1 - Sampling

* Identify an individual blight infected plant.
* Remove an infected leaflet (ideally with a single sporulating lesion) or infected stem piece from each of 8 plants across the outbreak, if available.

### Place each of four single leaflets between the two pieces of paper towel and into separate plastic sample bags and seal. NB: please pat dry & DO NOT add water as this will encourage rotting of the sample.

* Press a single lesion from each of the remaining 4 leaflets onto each sample zone of the provided FTA card (labelled E, F, G, H) following the enclosed protocol. Write your name, date, sample postcode and Unique Reference Number on the card.
* Air dry card for minimum of an hour before sealing in plastic bag.

### Step 2 – Reporting via <https://blight.hutton.ac.uk/>

* **Follow the emailed instructions for registration to the FAB site and submit the sample via the site to generate the sample ID number. If you are having problems with the website then please submit the sample and the FAB team will generate the number.**
* Complete the rest of the form overleaf including the Unique Reference Number.

**Step 3 - Post**

* Using the provided pre-paid jiffy bag, post completed formswith the samples to:

**Beatrix Keillor/ James Lynott, CMS, The James Hutton Institute, Invergowrie, Dundee, DD2 5DA**

* Try to ensure that the samples reach the laboratory the next day by posting before the last post, (in some areas this can be as early as 12 noon).
* If the samples are taken on a Friday please store them in your refrigerator and post first thing on Monday.

**If you are unable to collect lesions in the patterns described above, please just send us what you can.**

Thank you for your continued support.

**Contact:**

For pack/sampling info: [**fab@hutton.ac.uk**](mailto:fab@hutton.ac.uk)