

LabCorp COVID-19 testing information

<https://www.labcorp.com/tests/139900/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-naa>

To collect the nasopharyngeal specimen, the client is to use the Nasopharyngeal (NP) Dry Flocked Swab (COPAN; Supply # 93307). The swab is then placed in the Universal Transport Medium (Supply # 24674). The shaft of the swab is then broken at the score on the swab while in the medium and the screw cap closed tightly. If there are swabs provided with the Universal Transport Medium, DO NOT use those. Use ONLY the swab included with the **Nasopharyngeal orange COPAN Swab kit**.

Please submit the nasopharyngeal swab broken off in the purple tube FROZEN for optimal stability given anticipated volume. In a pinch, we can accept a refrigerated specimen (48 hr stability), but please note the sample will be rejected if received at room temp. Again, frozen is optimal.

Nasopharyngeal Dry Flocked Swab

Use for viral culture (eg, influenza) or nucleic acid amplification (NAA) testing (eg, *B pertussis*) of nasopharyngeal specimens. **For *B pertussis* NAA only:** Place swab into its dry plastic transport tube and transport at room or refrigerated temperature. **For other NAA testing and viral culture of nasopharyngeal specimens:** Place swab in Universal Transport Medium (UTM-RT) and transport at room temperature for up to 24 hours after collection or refrigerate. Supply order number: 93307



UTM-RT
Transport
(Purple-cap)

Universal Transport Medium

The multipurpose Universal Transport Medium (UTM-RT) is used for the collection and transport of specimens to be tested for viruses, *Chlamydia*, *Mycoplasma*, and *Ureaplasma*. Additionally, UTM-RT can be used for transport of swab specimens submitted for detection of bacterial (except *B pertussis*) or viral DNA by NAA (eg, PCR). UTM-RT can be stored at room or refrigerated temperature prior to specimen collection. Collect specimen using appropriate sampling swab, and then place swab in medium, breaking off shaft in tube. Transport and store at room temperature for up to 24 hours after specimen is placed into medium or refrigerate. For PCR testing, specimen may be transported at room or refrigerated temperature. **Note:** If M4 or M4-RT transport medium (not supplied by LabCorp) is used instead of UTM-RT, a) M4-RT can be stored at room temperature before specimen collection but cannot be used for transport of specimens for *Mycoplasma* and *Ureaplasma* culture, b) M4 may be kept at room temperature for up to 30 days prior to use but requires refrigerated storage before specimen collection if held longer, and c) both M4 and M4-RT must be kept refrigerated after specimen collection.

Supply order number: 24674

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