

Guidance for clients seeking to obtain universal viral transport (UVT) media and swabs on their own:

LabCorp is providing clients with specimen collection supplies for COVID-19 samples. To help maintain the availability of those supplies, please order COVID-19 testing in accordance with the latest clinical guidance from the CDC and other expert organizations.

LabCorp is providing clients with appropriate specimen collection supplies, which include some but not all of the specific versions listed below.

Viral Transport Media

LabCorp can receive specimens in any viral transport media that is suitable for influenza specimens (1 mL or 3 mL volumes). These include Copan viral transport media, Becton Dickinson UTM, Puritan UniTranz media, Thermofisher M4, M5, and M6.

Swabs

LabCorp **CAN** accept the following types of sterile swabs if they are in the appropriate media, even if they did not come with the specific collection kit being used:

- Polyester-tip swabs
- Dacron swabs
- Any other synthetic, flocked swab
- Foam swabs, synthetic

As of today, LabCorp **CANNOT** accept the following types of swabs, due to known assay interference:

- No dry swabs
- No swabs in saline (subject to change)
- No swabs with preservatives
- No swabs with wood shafts
- No cotton-tip swabs (subject to change)
- No calcium-alginate tip swabs
- No Aptima swabs
- No bacterial swabs, includes Amies gel swabs; eSwabs (subject to change)
- No swabs in "Molecular media" (Marketed to inactivate pathogens and preserve RNA/DNA)

Known manufacturers of supplies

Viral or Universal Transport Media (With or without swabs)

Company:	Product:	Link:
Becton Dickinson (BD)	BD Universal Viral Transport (UVT) system	https://www.bd.com/en-us/offerings/capabilities/specimen-collection/swab-based-specimen-collection/bd-universal-viral-transport-system
Copan	UTM®: Viral Transport	https://www.copanusa.com/sample-collection-transport-processing/utm-viral-transport/
Puritan	UniTranz-RT Universal Transport Solution and Swabs	https://www.puritanmedproducts.com/diagnostics-specimen-collection/collection-transport-systems.html?media_transport_systems=55
Starplex Scientific	MultiTrans™ Collection and Transportation System	https://www.starplexscientific.com/products/starswabs.asp
Thermoscientific	Sterilin™ UTM (Universal Transport Medium) Swabs	https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/359C?SID=srch-srp-359C#/359C?SID=srch-srp-359C
Thermoscientific	MicroTest™ Kits	https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/R12550#/R12550
Trinity Biotech	The Bartels® FlexTrans™ transport medium	https://www.trinitybiotech.com/products/flex-trans-bulk-pack/



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