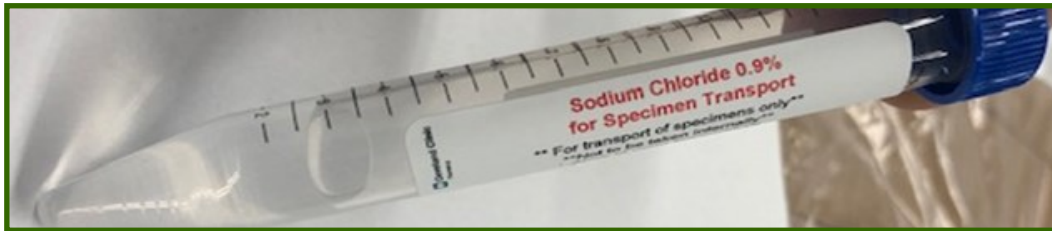


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COVID Transport Media - Sodium Chloride 0.9%



****The laboratory is in the process of changing over to 0.9% saline for transport media.****

- ⇒ If you are collecting specimens for COVID testing, viral transport media (VTM) tubes *may be* “clear.”
- ⇒ Saline is an approved transport media and preparation is easier to standardize.
- ⇒ The “clear” saline transport tubes may be stored at room temperature.
- ⇒ Once a specimen has been placed into the tube, then it should be transported to the laboratory under refrigerated conditions (i.e. on ice or cooling packs).

***Please note: FOR COVID TESTING ONLY!!**

- ⇒ **Saline transport is not acceptable for other viral assays.**

COVID-19 Test Kit

- One mini-tip nasopharyngeal swab
- One saline solution vial
 - ⇒ Shelf stable: **does NOT require refrigeration**
 - ⇒ 3 ml saline clear solution
 - ⇒ Vials are stood up in a Styrofoam pack of 50, or distributed on one biohazard bag, depending on quantity requested

Reference

http://dnndocuments.ccf.org/occ/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/occ/COVID19/COVID%20Transport%20Media.pdf&action=default&DefaultItemOpen=1