



Akron General Hospital

MicroTest™ Tube (M4RT) | Thermo Scientific / Remel



Specimen Type: Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab

Use **M4RT Transport Media** for:

Rapid Testing – performed on-site

- COVID-19
- Influenza A/B
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- Rapid Respiratory Pathogen Virus Panel – *RPRAPD*

Routine Testing – performed at Main Campus

- COVID-19
- Influenza A/B
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- Respiratory Pathogen Virus Panel – *RPPCR*

Shared Samples: Tests listed above can be performed on the same swab if a nasopharyngeal (NP) collection is performed.

Collection Instructions: Following collection, place the swab into the transport media. The swab's notched breakpoint is relatively high compared to the height of the tube.

After breaking the shaft, use the cap to push the swab into the tube (the shaft of the swab will be bent and the end will sit within the depression in the cap – see *picture on left for reference*).

Screw the cap firmly on the tube to prevent leaking.



Shelf storage: Room (ambient) temperature

Transport: Refrigerated (2–8°C); transport on ice or cold pack

Order Item: Place a supply request through the **EMPPE Mailbox**.

Universal Transport Medium (UTM) | Copan / BD



Tests requiring specimen transport in Universal Transport Media (UTM) are listed below. Refer to the Test Directory for specific test details.

- Herpes Simplex Virus (**HSV**)
- HSV Neonate Surface Culture (**HSVNEO**)
- HSV 1 & 2 / VZV Amplification (**HSVVZV**)
- Mycoplasma Culture (**MYPLAS**)
- DFA or Viral Culture
- Bordetella PCR (**BORAMP**)

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