

## **Microbiology Collection Guidelines** Fall 2020 Respiratory Specimen Collection & Transport

## **Main Campus Specimens**

Saline Solution (Sodium Chloride 0.85%) | Teknova



Specimen Type: Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab

Use for the following tests:

• COVID-19

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Influenza A/B

• Rapid Respiratory Pathogen Virus Panel

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

Collection Following NP collection, place the swab into the transport media and break using the

Instructions: notched area on the shaft. Screw the cap on firmly to prevent leaking.

Shelf storage: Room (ambient) temperature

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

Order Item: Lawson #496184 - COVID-19 CCF Provider Collection Kit

## 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.

- Routine Respiratory Pathogen Virus Panel HSV 1 & 2 / VZV Amplification (HSVVZV) (RPPCR)

- Mycoplasma Culture (MYPLAS)
- Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV)
- DFA or Viral Culture
- HSV Neonate Surface Culture (HSVNEO) Bordetella PCR (BORAMP)

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