

Update for COVID Transport Media

If you are collecting specimens for COVID testing, you may notice the “pink” viral transport media (VTM) tubes are now clear. This is because the laboratory is in the process of changing over to 0.9% saline for transport media. Saline is an approved transport media and preparation is easier to standardize. The “clear” saline transport tubes may be stored at room temperature, but 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: Saline transport is not acceptable for other viral assays.*