






Infectious Disease Laboratory – **SWAB COLLECTION GUIDE**

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Swab Transport Container	Tests	Collection Information
<p>eSwab</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Culture Bact Abscess (LAB3087) ▪ Culture Bact Selective (LAB234) ▪ Culture Bact Gonorrhoea (LAB1382) ▪ Culture Bact Throat (LAB228) ▪ Strep A PCR (LAB6457) ▪ GBS RT PCR (LAB6355) ▪ MIDL PCR Staph Nasal Colonization (LAB6192) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stability: Room temperature/48 hours ▪ Not recommended for Fungal Culture ▪ Not accepted for AFB Culture ▪ Do not use for tissue or body fluid transport
<p>Universal/Viral Transport Media</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MIDL PCR RPP and SARS-CoV-2 (LAB6339) ▪ MIDL PCR SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza A/B (LAB6330) ▪ MIDL SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A/B and RSV (LAB6331) ▪ MIDL PCR CMV QI (LAB1332) ▪ MIDL PCR HSV 1/2 (LAB3072) ▪ MIDL PCR Varicella Zoster Virus (LAB1372) ▪ MIDL PCR Monkeypox (LAB6422) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stability: Room temperature/24 hours, refrigerated/3 days, frozen/30 days ▪ Newborn CMV Saliva screening 1mL only ▪ HSV 1/2, Varicella-Zoster, Monkeypox: For lesion sampling only
<p>Cobas Swab</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MIDL PCR Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoeae (LAB1364) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stability: Room temperature/30 days ▪ Sources: Endocervical, Vaginal, Rectal, Oropharyngeal
<p>Aptima Swab (Multitest)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MIDL Candida Vaginosis and Trichomonas Vaginalis (LAB6083) ▪ MIDL Trichomonas Vaginalis Detection by PCR (LAB5930) ▪ MIDL Bacterial Vaginosis (LAB6082) ▪ MIDL Mycoplasma Genitalium (LAB6084) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stability: Room temperature/30 days ▪ Source: Vaginal only ▪ Not accepted for Endocervical
<p>PreserveCyt (Thin Prep) Solution</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HPV (High-risk) DNA (LAB3195) ▪ MIDL PCR Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoeae (LAB1364) ▪ MIDL Trichomonas Vaginalis Detection by PCR (LAB5930) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Obtain specimen in the same manner as standard cervical cytology collection (Pap smear) ▪ Do not send with a swab or brush tip in the vial