Swab Collection and Transport Guide
Microbiology 331-5804
Main Lab 331-5147 & Regional Lab 331-5212
Laboratory Directory of Services http://sfmc.testcatalog.org/

For Routine, AFB and Fungus Cultures:
WHITE CAP - ESwab Regular
Liquid Amies and a regular flocked swab
Item number: 27306 Call SPD x6418

Nasopharynx and Pediatric specimens for Routine, AFB, Fungus, or Flu (not acceptable for RSV):
BLUE CAP - ESwab Flexible Minitip
Liquid Amies and a flexible minitip flocked swab
Call microbiology or lab for supplies

Endocervical specimens for Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoeae (Amplified DNA) testing (STDSC):
Pink-capped Swab Transport Reagent Tube from Xpert CT/NG Vaginal/Endocervical Specimen Collection Kit (Female only)
Call microbiology or lab for supplies

Urine specimens for Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoeae (Amplified DNA) testing (STDSC):
Urine Cup (Male or Female)
Use a regular urine sample cup

Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoeae from Miscellaneous Sites (oral, ocular, rectal or peritoneal fluid)
APTIMA Collection Kit
Call microbiology or lab for supplies

Vaginal specimens for BD Affirm™ VPIII Microbial Identification Test of Candida species, Gardnerella vaginalis and Trichomonas vaginalis (VAGSC):
BD Affirm™ VPIII Ambient Temperature Transport System
Call microbiology or lab for supplies

For PCR (MRSA PCR or GBS PCR) or Viral Culture:
RED CAP - Copan Double-Swab Culturette
Call microbiology or lab for supplies

For Sinus culture and NP for RSV, Flu, PCR or Viral testing (RSV and Flu can be run on a single swab):
GREEN CAP - BD™ BBL CultureSwab
Liquid amies and a flexible minitip flocked swab
Call microbiology or lab for supplies
**Note: Off-site clients see below for RSV and Flu

NPG collection kit includes swab and a saline tube for RSV or Flu > 4 hours from testing. cut off swab into provided saline, tighten lid, and transport to lab

**For RSV and/or Flu that will be greater than 4 hours to testing: Use a NPG collection kit which includes a GREEN CAP - BD™ BBL CultureSwab and screw-cap tube of saline (RSV and Flu can be run on a single swab)
Call microbiology or lab for supplies

For Respiratory Viral Panel (PCR):
RED CAP – M4RT Viral Transport Kit
Call microbiology or lab for supplies

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