

## MicroTest™ Systems Update

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued interim guidance on specimen collection, processing, and testing for Patients with Suspected Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection.

- Nasopharyngeal swab/aspirate or nasal wash/aspirate specimens should be collected as soon as possible after illness onset. If these specimens cannot be collected, a combined nasal swab with an oropharyngeal swab is acceptable.
  - Ideally, swab specimens should be collected using swabs with a synthetic tip (e.g. polyester or Dacron®) and an aluminum or plastic shaft.
  - Swabs with cotton tips and wooden shafts are not recommended. Specimens collected with swabs made of calcium alginate are not acceptable.
  - The swab specimen collection vials should contain 1-3 ml of viral transport medium (e.g. containing protein stabilizer, antibiotics to discourage bacterial and fungal growth, and buffer solution), such as MicroTest™ [M4RT®](#).
- Specimens should be placed into sterile viral transport media (VTM) and immediately placed on ice or cold packs or at 4°C (refrigerator) for transport to the laboratory.

MicroTest are trusted, reliable collection and transport systems that provide ample fill volume to run multiple tests. MicroTest can be used for long-term culture storage and is compatible with culture, immunoassays, and molecular diagnostics.

In order to provide you with the highest levels of service and selection, please choose from one of the following MicroTest products when placing your order.

- R12500, M4 72/PK, does not include swabs
- R12502, M4 12/PK, does not include swabs
- R12505, M4RT 72/PK, does not include swabs
- R12506, M4RT 12/PK, does not include swabs
- R12552, M4RT 100/PK, Female Kit
- R12565, M4RT 100/CS, with traditional-tip flocced swabs
- R12566, M4RT 100/CS, with micro-tip flocced swab
- R12570, M4 100/PK, Female/Male Kit
- R12578, M4RT 100/PK, Female/Male Kit
- R12530, M6 72/PK, does not include swabs
- R12560, M6 100/CS, with traditional-tip flocced swabs
- R12561, M6 100/CS, with micro-tip flocced swab

If you have any questions or need assistance in determining which MicroTest product is best for you, please contact a Technical Service Representative at 800-255-6730.

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