



From the
Clinical Service Director



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Collection Material for Respiratory Testing

With the announcement of COVID-19 as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 14 March 2020 we have seen a significant rise in the volume of collection material being ordered.

To better support community clinicians and reduce supply pressures, we are now able to receive an increased range of consumables that can be used for the collection of respiratory samples.

Green Viral Transport Medium + swab (Preferred)



Blue Liquid Amies + swab



Note: Gel Amies swabs are not suitable.

Please note that consumables from alternative laboratories e.g. *Dry Swabs* can be utilised for the collection of respiratory samples including COVID-19, however this may affect turnaround times.

Regards,

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