

MICROBIOLOGY UPDATE

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ESwab™ Testing Update

The Froedtert ISC is out of NP (green) and Regular (red) dual swab collection device inventory for micro testing due to chronic backorders and production delays.

To combat this shortage, the laboratory has switched all specimen collection methods that were previously performed with dual red, blue top, or green swabs to a new collection devices called ESwab™. White capped ESwab™ collection kits contain a regular nylon flocced swab, while the Green capped ESwab™ collection kits contain a minitip nylon flocced NP swab.

ESwab™ performance has been tested in our laboratory and has shown similar performance to the swabs previously used. Viral testing requests will still need a separate collection using viral transport media (VTM).

ESwab™ collected specimens should be transported to the laboratory as soon as possible. If immediate delivery or processing is delayed, specimens should be refrigerated at 4–8°C or stored at room temperature (20–25°C) and arrive in the lab within 48 hours.

For additional information or if any questions, please contact WDL Client Services at (414) 805-7600.

