









COVID19 Swab Collection Containers

Swabs and collection containers may be ordered by submitting a [Clinic and Healthcare Provider Supply Requisition](#) to LifeLabs or by calling:


- (604) 412-4481 (**Lower Mainland**)
- (250) 374-1644 (**Kamloops**)

Swabs		
Type of Swab		Storage Requirements
	Copan or BD viral Red or Blue UTM Swabs Swabs not provided by LifeLabs. Contact BCCDC.	Refrigerate (2-8°C) after collection
	Starplex VWR swab (blue top) Swabs not provided by LifeLabs. Contact BCCDC.	Refrigerate (2-8°C) after collection
	Aptima Unisex Swab	Refrigerate (2-8°C) after collection
	Aptima Multitest Swab	Refrigerate (2-8°C) after collection
	Yocon Viral Transport Media Swab	Refrigerate (2-8°C) after collection
	Copan UTM-RT with Goodwood Swab	Refrigerate (2-8°C) after collection
Other Specimen Types		
Saline Gargle	Specimen Container	Storage Requirements
	Screw-cap vial with either blue or red cap, containing approx. 4-5mL of gargled saline.	Refrigerate (2-8°C) or room temperature storage after collection

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Note: All specimens must be labeled with at least two unique patient identifiers e.g. patient's name **plus** date of birth or patient personal health number. This is a requirement of the Diagnostic Accreditation Program, which governs the operation of all BC Laboratories including LifeLabs. **Date of collection** should also be provided.

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