

Health Care Provider Bulletin

UPDATED CHANGES TO MRSA AND VRE TESTING

Dear Health Care Providers,

As communicated effective **May 21, 2024**, LifeLabs no longer accepts Amies gel/charcoal swab for MRSA and VRE screening tests. Currently, these tests must be collected using the Copan **eSwab**.



- This swab is **ONLY** for MRSA and VRE surveillance/screening. All other Microbiology swab collections are to remain unchanged.
- **Collect one swab for each test.** One for MRSA and one for VRE as both tests cannot be combined on one swab.
- Maintain specimens at either 4 - 8 °C or at room temperature and submit to the laboratory **WITHIN** 48 hours of collection.
- Client order forms have been updated to add this swab. See highlighted below.

Microbiology	Culture Swab Transport System – Charcoal	Bag/50	30002399
	APTIMA Multitest Collection Kit (Vaginal/Throat/Rectal) SWAB	Bag/50	10108666
	APTIMA Unisex (Endocervical/Urethral) SWAB	Bag/50	10108664
	Fungus Scraping Kit	Each	10176058
	Stool Culture & Sensitivity (C&S) Kit	Each	10125779
	Stool Parasites - PCR Method (Parasite Swab)	Each	10178019
	Stool Parasites – SAF Fixative	Box/100	10125778
	Pinworm Kit	Each	30001235
	Sputum Culture & Sensitivity (C&S) Kit	Each	30001238
	Urine Culture & Sensitivity (C&S) Kit	Each	10125941
	Sterile 90ml Container with Orange Cap	Bag	10953
	Collection, Urine Ped, URC-010	Box/10	10154257
	E-Swab - Surveillance/Screening	PK/50	30002428
	Castile Soap Towelette	Box/100	10251

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