

RSV Testing Summary

AML Microbiology and Sendouts departments have noticed confusion in regards to RSV testing. Following is a summary of the testing available, specimens/transport containers and turn around times.

RSV TESTS				
Test #/ Code	Test	Testing Site	Specimens	TAT
6533/RSV	RSV, Rapid Antigen	AML	<p>Collect: Nasopharyngeal washing in sterile container</p> <p>Alternate collection: Nasopharyngeal minitip bacterial culture swab **</p> <p>Unacceptable: Dry Swab</p> <p>If a backup culture is requested for a negative result, a separate NP swab in UTM-RT is required.</p>	1 day
6624/RSD	RSV DFA	ViroMed	<p>Collect: 2 nasopharyngeal swabs or nasal swab in (one) UTM-RT **</p> <p>Alternate Collection: Endotracheal tube aspirate in sterile container.</p>	1-2 days
7635/VGC	RSV Culture	ViroMed	<p>Collect: Nasopharyngeal swab or nasal swab in UTM-RT **</p> <p>Alternate Collection: Endotracheal tube aspirate in sterile container.</p>	2-14 days

** Although ViroMed has transitioned to UTM-RT and the preferred specimen transport is indicated above, this specimen source may be submitted in M4 Viral Transport Media, if available.

NT washings and Endotracheal tube aspirate specimens can ONLY be transported in a sterile container with no transport media.