



## NEW Respiratory Viruses, Pertussis and Measles Swab **RED** is the new **Green**

**RED = RESPIRATORY VIRUS (e.g. Influenza, RSV)**

**GREEN = GENERAL VIRUS (e.g. HSV, VZV)**

### Why the change to RED?

A national shortage of the green MWE ViroCult swab means an alternative liquid based collection and transport swab for molecular **Influenza, RSV, Pertussis and Measles testing**. The alternative swab is the **RED cap** Copan UTM (Universal Transport Medium) collection set.

It should be noted that the UTM collection kit packaging indicates it can be used for a variety of other tests, but it will **ONLY** be used for the tests indicated above. For **all general virus testing (e.g. HSV, VZV)** you **MUST still use the green ViroCult collection kit**.

### What does the new swab look like?

The Copan UTM swab is identical to the green MWE ViroCult swab in physical dimensions. The differences are the **RED** screw cap, **RED** liquid, branding, and the required nasopharyngeal swab in the kit.



### What does this mean for you?

**For Respiratory Viruses, Pertussis and Measles testing you MUST now use the RED Copan UTM tube.**

### How long will we have RED UTM tubes?

This is a permanent change effective immediately to the RED Copan UTM collection kit.

**Please ensure all existing stock of green nasopharyngeal viral swabs are used before changing to the RED cap Copan UTM (Universal Transport Medium) collection set.**

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