BD BBL™ CultureSwab™ collection for COVID-19 testing

BD BBL™ CultureSwab™ with medium

1. Open swab pouch
   BD BBL CultureSwabs are available with regular, soft wire and aluminum wire shafts, with either a Dacron (polyester) or Rayon swab tip.*
   *Check to make sure the swab type is compatible with COVID-19 assay being conducted.

2. Discard media tube
   BD BBL CultureSwabs come with a tube with either Amies or Stuart media (liquid or gel), which may interfere with the molecular test results. Discard media tube immediately.

3. Use swab to recover a sample from the patient
   Using standard technique collect nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal specimens. Please follow your institution's guidelines for safe specimen collection at all times.

4. Place swab in transport medium or normal saline*
   After collecting the specimen, place swab in either viral transport medium or normal saline and transport to laboratory.
   *Additional validation may be required depending on the COVID-19 assay being conducted.

Dry swab without medium

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2. Use swab to recover a sample from the patient
   Using standard technique collect nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal specimens. Please follow your institution's guidelines for safe specimen collection at all times.

3. Place swab in transport medium or normal saline*
   After collecting the specimen, place swab in either viral transport medium or normal saline and transport to laboratory.
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