

Keeping You Informed

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Substitute Swab for Coronavirus-2019(COVID-19)

Low supply of red-top viral tube and blue-top viral tube:

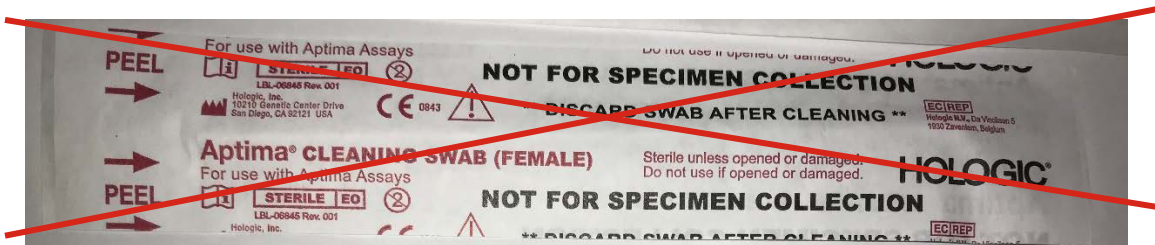
- Due to the increased number of patients being tested for COVID-19, the current supply is running low.
- If the red-top viral tube and the blue-top viral tube is not available**, use this substitute swab for COVID-19 and Influenza testing. If used for Influenza testing, the testing will be completed at BCCDC along with the COVID-19 testing.

Substitute Swab for COVID-19 Testing:

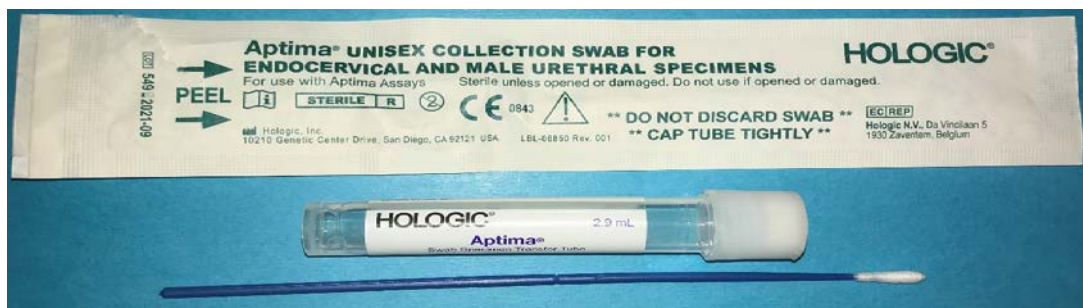
- This substitute swab is available from the collection site laboratory.
- Collection Kit: **Hologic Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit.**



- Discard the Aptima Cleaning swab.



- To collect specimen, use the blue shaft swab in the package labelled **Aptima Unisex Collection Swab**.
- Collection container: white top viral tube containing a clear liquid transport medium.



Questions?

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