

Collecting respiratory specimens for measles testing:

Synthetic (e.g., Dacron or flocked) swabs with plastic shafts should be used to collect respiratory specimens. *Do not use cotton swabs or wooden handles.*



Place swab in 3 ml **liquid viral transport media (VTM)** or universal transport media intended for use with viruses. Collection kits used for influenza or respiratory viral panel testing are also appropriate. *Do not use ESwabs or other bacterial media (e.g. LQ Stuart, Amies).*

Specimens should be shipped according to UN 3373 Category B regulations, including **leak-proof, cushioned** packaging.