

# Specimen Requirement Change

Notification Date: 4/9/2025 Effective Date: Immediately

# Measles Virus PCR, Oropharyngeal (Throat) swab in VTM Bronson Test Code: MEASR LAB2727

Note: Bronson Lab will send Measles PCR testing to Mayo Medical Lab for testing.

**Explanation:** Identifying measles virus infection using throat swab specimens.

### **Collection Instructions:**

- 1. Collect specimen by swabbing back and forth over mucosal surface to maximize recovery of cells.
- 2. Swab must be placed into viral transport media (VTM)

## **Bronson Lab Measle Collection Kit**









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Collect

Place in VTM

Car

- Measle collection kit contains 1 BBL Culture Swab Collection and Transport System and 1 Universal Viral Transport Medium (VTM/UTM)
- 2. Discard the transport container from the BBL Culture Swab kit
- 3. Collect throat swab aseptically
- 4. Cut swab to accommodate placing into the VTM media container
- 5. Place swab into VTM cap and then into the VTM media
- 6. Tighten cap to prevent leaking

#### Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
OP swab in VTM	Refrigerated	7 Days
OP swab in VTM	Frozen	7 Days

#### Reject Due To:

E-swab, calcium alginate-tipped swab, wood swab, dry swab, or transport swab containing gel or charcoal additive