



H1N1 Flu- Updated Information

As of May 27th, 16,504 cases of confirmed Influenza A (H1N1) have been reported worldwide including United States and Canada. CDC has determined that this novel influenza A (H1N1) is contagious and spreads from human to human.

Warning signs that need medical attention include:

Difficulty in breathing

Pain or pressure in the chest area

Flu-like symptoms with fever and cough

Vomiting

CDC and the Agency for Health Protection and Promotion recommend a nasopharyngeal swab in viral transport medium. The recommended swab specimen should be collected using a polyester swab, however flocked swabs are preferred due to a better sample. The electrostatic process allows the flocked fibers enhanced absorption and full release. Calcium alginate and cotton swabs are not recommended.

Starplex Multitrans with either polyester or flocked swabs can be used for the collection of patient sample for Influenza A (H1N1). Product is stable at room temperature for 1 year from date of manufacturing.

Please see the video on proper sampling for the proper nasopharyngeal technique.

Product codes

S160-FL -VTM with flocked swab

S160-Naso- VTM with flocked nasopharyngeal swab

S160-Naso-1 – 1 ml VTM with flocked swab

S160- 100 – VTM with polyester swab

S160-M _ VTM with naso polyester swab

S160-FL-Com VTM with regular and naso flocked swab

References

H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) and you May 27/09- www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm

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