

Technical Bulletin

Use of Transport Media with the QuickVue[®] RSV Test Kit

When using transport media with swab samples, minimal dilution of the sample is recommended. Care should be taken so as not to excessively dilute the specimen, as this may result in decreased test sensitivity. One (1) milliliter or less is suggested for optimal rapid test performance. When performing the QuickVue assay, use 300 µl of sample suspended in the media per the nasal/nasopharyngeal wash and nasopharyngeal aspirate procedure. You may break the swab shaft to accommodate the transport tube length. The following transport media are compatible for use with the QuickVue RSV test:

Transport Media	Recommended Storage Condition		Recommended SKU
	2-30°C for 8 hours	2-8°C for 48 hours	
BD Universal Viral Transport Media	Yes	No	BD Cat. #220244, 1mL (Manufactured by Copan, Cat. #350C)
Bartels Viratrans Media	Yes	Yes	
Copan Universal Transport Media	Yes	No	Copan Cat. #350c, 1mL Distributed by Diagnostic Hybrids, Cat. #350-CHL and by BD (see above)
Hank's Balanced Salt Solution	Yes	No	
M4-RT	Yes	Yes	
M5 Media	Yes	No	
Modified Liquid Stuart's	Yes	No	
Saline	Yes	No	
Storage of sample in a clean, dry, closed container	Yes	No	

The M4 and Amies transport media are not compatible with this test.

Please call Quidel Technical Support at 800-874-1517 (USA only), 858-552-1100 or technicalsupport@quidel.com if you have any questions regarding the QuickVue RSV test or any other Quidel product. Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

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