

ALLINA HEALTH LABORATORY

Memo

To: Allina Health Laboratory outreach clients
From: Allina Health Laboratory outreach services
Date: March 10, 2021
Re: Supply updates

Quick reference

The critical nationwide shortage of specimen collection supplies due to the pandemic has improved for the following: **Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoea, amplified probe (GCC) and Eswab**. Previously, Allina Health Laboratory identified alternative swabs for culture collections, which conserved our inventory of the e-Swab and Aptima collection devices.

As a result, Allina Health Laboratory has determined that effective March 15th, the collection processes can be modified to reflect the improved availability of resources.

Details

Understand the updates to the following test collections:

- **Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoea testing, refer to Table 1.**
Return to previous standard collection practices for **Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoea and Trichomonas testing**
 - MULTITEST Aptima kits: vaginal, rectal, oral sources. One vaginal collection can be used for multiple tests based on clinical presentation: Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoea, and/or Trichomonas/Candida/Bacterial Vaginosis by NAA.
 - UNISEX Aptima kits: endocervical, urethral sources.
 - Urine Aptima kits: urine source.
- **Cultures collected using e-Swab kits, refer to Table 2**
 - Cultures being collected with alternative swabs will return to previous standard collection practices.
 - Strep A PCR collections continue using the current eswab.
 - Wet prep genital collections continue using the BBL Culture Swabs.

Share the attached tables with staff who are involved in the patient collection process. These documents identify the appropriate collection device that correspond with the test codes.

If you have questions, contact your account representative.