



Technical Alert

Universal Transport Media (UTM) – Recall

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SUBJECT: **Return Universal Transport Media with expiration 8/2021 to lab for replacement**

Please return any Universal Transport Media intended for use for COVID-19 testing with an expiration date of August 2021 to the laboratory for replacement.

DLS, in partnership with The Queens Health Systems, is attempting to remove as many variables as possible that may have been associated with several unexplained positive test results. There are hundreds of valid negative test results associated with this media and only one instance of unexplained positive, so this is simply one of those precautionary measures.

If specimens already collected in this media yield a positive result and the patient presentation is not consistent with COVID-19 infection, recommend collecting another specimen with media that is not subject to this recall.

Please refer any questions to DLS Client Services at 589-5101.
