



Health Alert Network Message 21-07: Viral Transport Media (VTM) Available from OPH

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LDH Office of Public Health has federal supplies of **media and swabs** that we would like to provide where needed. If you would like an allocation for **COVID-19 testing**, please respond to this survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5JQQSTY>.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

1. How do I request media and swabs for COVID-19 testing?

Please respond to this survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5JQQSTY>.

2. What type of media will I get?

We have several different brands of VTM (e.g.: Nest, M4RT) that expire around May 2021. We will prioritize minimizing waste of federal COVID-19 testing supplies and make allocations based on the number of samples you collect in a week and the expiration date of the supplies. You will be contacted prior to delivery to ensure we are providing types of media that you are able to use.

3. Will we get swabs with the media?

You will be contacted about what swabs you may need to go with the media (nasal, NP and/or OP).

4. Is this a one-time allocation?

We will be happy to continue making allocations as long as supplies last.