



## Health Alert Network Message 21-56: Viral Transport Media (VTM) and Swabs Available from Office of Public Health (OPH)

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### Viral Transport Media (VTM) and Swabs Available from OPH

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>.

#### 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 M4RT media that expire around **March 2022**. 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 or NP).

**4. Is this a one-time allocation?**

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

**5. Do you have any guidance around billing for testing using donated supplies?**

Guidance has been that labs are allowed to bill for testing using federally provided supplies, but the state advises to check with individual insurance providers in advance of doing so to ensure compliance.