

PDL Update:

Hardy Viral Transport Media VTM ALERT

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WHAT HAS OCCURRED


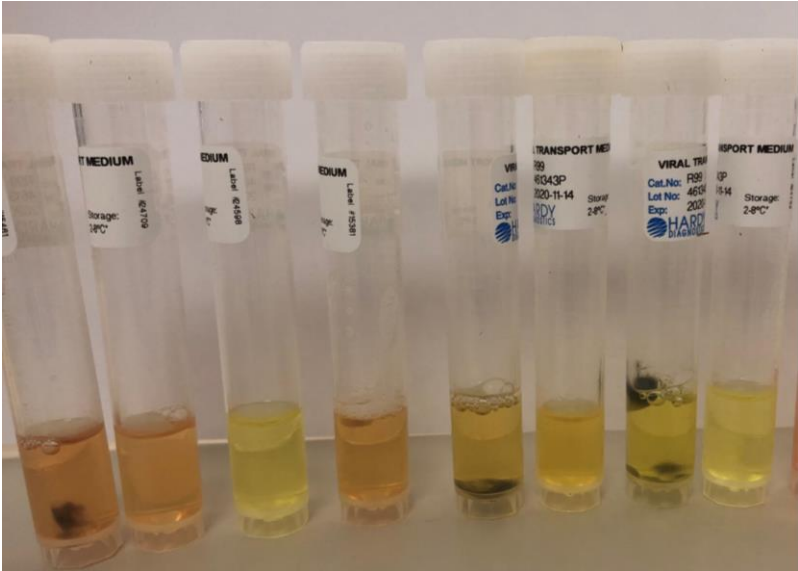
Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) has been notified through the Public Health Department that some lots of Hardy Viral Transport Medium (VTM) distributed for COVID-19 collections may be contaminated.

Why is this a concern? Use of contaminated Viral Transport Media for patient specimens may compromise the detection of COVID-19 during testing.

QUALITY CHECK NEEDED OF HARDY VIRAL TRANSPORT MEDIA

Effective immediately, PDL is requesting that clients perform a quality check on the Hardy VTM before using. PDL does inspect collection kits before distributing; however, this may not identify a contaminated vial in all cases.

The Hardy VTM does contain a pH indicator in the media that will turn yellow in the presence of high levels of contamination. The product should normally appear clear and pink in color.

ACCEPTABLE Color: PINK Clarity: CLEAR	CONTAMINATED with pH Color Change Color: YELLOW Clarity: May appear CLOUDY and/or contain debris in the vial
	

ACTION: If you identify contaminated vials, please contact our Client Supply Department and we will replace the kits as soon as possible. We highly recommend that collection kits be ordered based on utilization to avoid any risk of long-term storage which can increase the risk of contamination.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100

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