



## STERILIN BACKS HPA GUIDELINES FOR SWINE FLU DETECTION

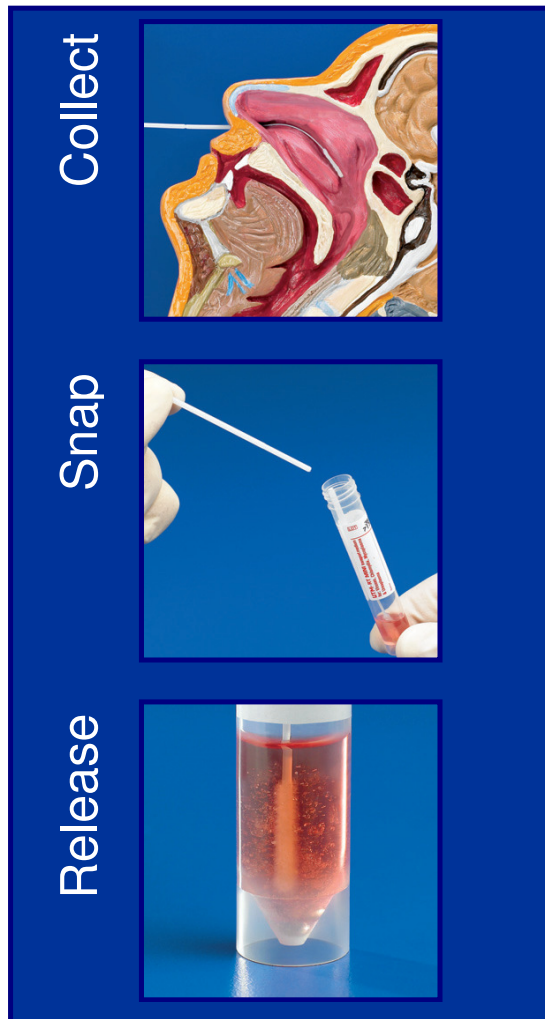
Swine flu is an Influenza type A that commonly causes outbreaks of Influenza in pigs. It doesn't normally infect humans, however sporadic infections can occur and these cases are more often than not associated with individuals who have direct exposure to pigs. The virus responsible for this current outbreak of swine flu has not yet been isolated in pigs; but has been found to display swine, human and avian viral components. There have been concerns that this recent outbreak could become a pandemic flu, resulting in the Health Protection Agency (HPA) releasing the following testing guidelines:

"One set of combined nose and throat swabs should be taken and placed in viral transport medium, then sent to your local HPA/NHS laboratory.

- Use swabs with plastic shafts, as wooden swabs may affect the tests.
- Please use the materials provided and do not use charcoal swabs or other bacteriological transport media." <sup>1</sup>

The viral transport medium from Sterilin incorporates the patented flocked swab, allowing you to increase both the amount of sample collected and most importantly, released into the medium – ideal for the pooling of

patient samples. It also offers the convenience for multiple tests and maintains virus viability at room temperature and on ice. Sterilin offers a choice of tube size and product format – 1ml or 3ml tube with medium alone or as a kit containing a unique flocked swab. All swabs supplied in the UTM kits have a moulded breakpoint to enable the swab to be broken into the tube if required.



# Product Information:

Product Code	Description	Case Qty
305C	UTM, 3ml Medium, Nasopharyngeal Flocked Swab	50
328C	UTM, 3ml Medium, Regular Dacron Swab	50
330C	UTM, 3ml Medium, Tube Only	50
346C	UTM, 3ml Medium, Regular Flocked Swab	50
347C	UTM, 3ml Medium, Neonatal Flocked Swab	50
350C	UTM, 1ml Medium, Tube Only	50
359C	UTM, 1ml Medium, Regular Flocked Swab	50
360C	UTM, 1ml Medium, Nasopharyngeal Flocked Swab	50
361C	UTM, 1ml Medium, Minitip Flocked Swab	50
501CS01	Flocked Swab, Minitip, Individually Wrapped in Paper Peel pouch	100
502CS01	Flocked Swab, Regular, Individually Wrapped in Paper Peel pouch	100
503CS01	Flocked Swab, Nasopharyngeal, Individually Wrapped in Paper Peel pouch	100
516CS01	Flocked Swab, Neonatal, Individually Wrapped in Paper Peel pouch	100

<sup>1</sup> Health Protection Agency (2009) **Standard practical advice for investigating individuals with possible swine influenza infection.**



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