



**DATE: January 7, 2015**

**TO: EMH Reference Laboratory Clients**

**SUBJECT: Bordetella Pertussis collection device update**

---

Effective January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 EMH Reference Laboratory is changing the collection device for Bordetella Pertussis PCR testing. New collection device will be mini tip nasopharyngeal swab with Liquid Amies. Specimens collected in M4 viral media will not be acceptable.



**Acceptable specimen:**

The only acceptable specimen for this testing now is a **Nasopharyngeal Swab**. Specimens collected in Liquid Amies collection devices can held at room temperature for up to 5 days or refrigerated (2-8 C) for up to 7 days prior testing.

If you have any questions regarding this memo or would like to obtain the new collection device please contact EMH Client Services at 331-221-4422