



Wisconsin Veterinary
Diagnostic Laboratory
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Sampling instructions for canine influenza virus

1. The sample requested is a nasal swab with a non-cotton swab. Please use Dacron or polyester tipped swabs that are not on a wooden stick. Break off the swab into viral transport media. Please do not use the semi-solid culture media because it alters PCR testing. If there is no viral media, sterile saline can be used. Please do NOT send dry swabs.
2. Swabs and media can be ordered from our website:
<http://www.wvdl.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/PharyngealSwabKitOrder-Form.pdf>
3. The swab should be inserted as deep in the nasal cavity as possible. Swabbing the pharynx is not necessary.
4. The test code for this rt-PCR is “FLU-A-PCR” and costs \$33 with a \$10 accession fee. WVDL also offers a respiratory disease rRT-PCR panel “RESPPNLK9.” This tests costs \$100.10 with \$10 accession fee and includes Canine distemper virus, Canine herpes virus, Canine parainfluenza virus, Canine respiratory coronavirus, Canine adenovirus 2, Influenza A, and *Bordetella*. All supplies required can be acquired from the WVDL within 24 hours and shipping via UPS is recommended.
5. Shipping information can be found below. Please ship the samples with ice packs. One shipping label is included in the companion animal test kit (see above for the link to the order form). Please do NOT ship on Friday. Samples collected on Friday should be refrigerated and sent on the following Monday. Additional labels can be ordered from this link:
<http://www.wvdl.wisc.edu/index.php/shipping-information/>
6. Please contact the WVDL with questions at 608-262-5432 or info@wvdl.wisc.edu

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