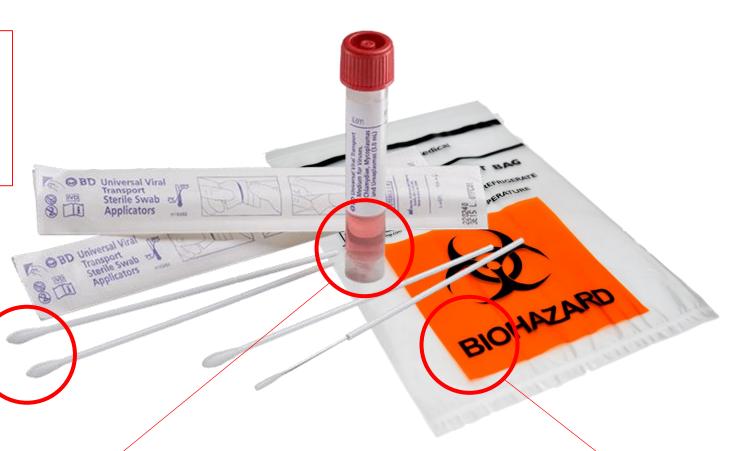
## Collecting respiratory specimens for measles testing:

Synthetic (e.g., Dacron or flocked) swabs with plastic shafts should be used to collect respiratory specimens. Do not use cotton swabs or wooden handles.



Place swab in 3 ml **liquid viral transport media** (VTM) or universal transport media intended for use with viruses. Collection kits used for influenza or respiratory viral panel testing are also appropriate. *Do not use ESwabs or other bacterial media* (e.g. LQ Stuart, Amies).

Specimens should be shipped according to UN 3373
Category B regulations, including leak-proof, cushioned packaging.

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