

COVID-19 TESTING KITS - CALL FOR INDUSTRY HELP

Questions

1. Do you have any full testing packages available which meet the below specification and are they ready to be purchased?
2. Do you have any of the components separately and are they ready to be purchased?
3. Do you have any alternative tests the government should be considering and are ready to be purchased?

Testing kit specification

- > Swabs:
 - Nasopharangeal (Floxsynthetic fiber tipped (polyester) or flocked swabs) with polystyrene shafts that are scored at 80 mm for a breakpoint
 - Nasopharyngeal (minitip) are currently preferred.
 - No discoloration on the swab bud (i.e. yellowing or brown discoloration).
 - Sterilised and individually wrapped.
 - No calcium alginate swabs.
 - No swabs with wooden shafts.
 - Nose and throat swabs (Rayon tipped – FDA review in process)
- > Sample Vial
 - Glass (20.25 +- 0.25 x 47.25+- 0.5) & Plastic (TBD)
- > Viral transport medium
 - Covid-19 transport medium
- > Alcohol/Sanitiser wipes
- > Re-packaging (storage/biohazard packaging)
 - Vial wrap – Specification TBD
 - Sealed zip lock bag
 - Second bag (plastic/cushioned)
 - Sealable container – 'Biobottle'
 - Postal 'biobox'

In addition, swabs for PCR diagnostic testing are required.

The email address to send responses to is: covidtestingtriage@dhsc.gov.uk

