

## PERTUSSIS KIT: for the Molecular Detection of *Bordetella pertussis*, *B. holmesii* and *B. parapertussis*

### Kit information:

The kit contains:

- 1 Regan Lowe Transport medium (RLTM)
- 1 Nasopharyngeal FLOQSwab™
- 1 Requisition
- 1 Biohazard bag
- 1 Instruction sheet

- Store the kit at 4 to 8°C, away from light
- **RLTM has an expiry date of about 16 weeks – Do not request more than you require**
- Check the expiry date on the label before use. Expired medium can be discarded in regular garbage
- Use the swab provided with the kit to collect the samples
- The swab has a score line; insert into RLTM and bend to break the shaft at this line  
**If the shaft is greater than the container length, the medium will leak and recollection of the sample will be advised**
- Clearly label the container tube with the patient's name, PHN and specimen site  
**Unlabeled or mislabeled samples will not be tested**

### Patient information:

- Complete the requisition with the following information: ordering physician, patient's name, date of birth, gender, PHN, home address and phone number, specimen type and source, date and time of collection, lab tests required and clinical history
- The ordering physician and office address must be clearly provided. If copies to another physician are required, provide the physician name and complete address where copies should be sent

**If the information provided is incomplete, the sample may be discarded or testing will be delayed pending receipt of this information**

### Transport – Post Specimen Collection:

- **Send only ONE sample per biohazard, with the sample in the re-closable side and the requisition in the adjoining pouch.**
- Prior to transport to the laboratory, store samples in the fridge or a cool location. Do NOT freeze

Laboratory Information	Calgary Site	Edmonton Site
General Inquiries Phone #	403-944-1200	780-407-7121
Kit Orders Phone # / Fax #	403-944-2583 / 403-944-2317	780-407-8971 / 780-407-8984
Microbiologist/Virologist on Call	403-944-1200	780-407-8822 ask for Microbiologist on Call
Address	Provincial Laboratory for Public Health 3030 Hospital Drive NW Calgary, AB T2N 4W4	Provincial Laboratory for Public Health Room 2B4.04 8440-112 Street Edmonton, AB T6G 2J2

**For specimen collection instructions please see:  
Collection of a Nasopharyngeal and Throat Swab for Detection of Respiratory Infection**