

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) SPECIMEN COLLECTION KIT**

**Use:** To collect specimens for 2019-Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), the virus that causes COVID-19.

*Each VTM Tube contains 2 ml Viral Transport Media*

### **Protocol:**

- 1- Use the flexible shaft NP and OP dacron swab provided to collect the specimen.**
  - 2- If both swabs are used, NP and OP specimens should be combined at collection into a single vial.**
  - 3- Insert the swab into the tube of VTM, then snap off at the break line on the shaft. The swab is to remain in the tube for transport**
  - 4- Securely tighten the cap on the VTM tube and seal it with parafilm. Recheck to make certain it is labeled.**
  - 5- Refrigerate specimens at 2° to 8°C immediately after collection *for up to 72 hours after collection* and transport to the Virology Laboratory as soon as possible.**
- ❖ **Make certain that specimens are transported with a frozen ice pack**