

MEMO

TO: CCLS Clients
FROM: Microbiology
DATE: November 17, 2021
SUBJECT: Quidel Sofia Strep Testing – Collection Issue

As supply shortages continue, we are in a constant state of change and evaluating products that may work as alternatives. Two recent products have been brought into circulation that cannot be used for Rapid Strep testing using the Quidel Sofia system.

Please **discontinue** strep collections with the following products:



- C8552-11D - Cardinal Health™ Liquid Stuarts Double Rayon Swab with Plastic Shaft
- 4320234A - BD CultureSwab®; Maxv Double Swab with Liquid Stuart Medium

Please use the collection swabs provided with the Quidel Sofia test kit available through your laboratory. Swabs can be transported using the blue top conical tubes or other method determined for your site.

A second regular culturette or e-swab will need to be collected for pediatric patients for follow-up culture needs.

Please feel free to contact microbiology with any questions at 320-251-2700 ext. 57311.