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STOP	Saline as a Viral Tra	nsport Media (VTM)
Notification	Substitute for COVID Testing	
When:	Thursday, May 14, 2020	
What?	Saline is being added as an acceptable collection media for COVID testing at Cone Health	
Who is Affected:	Affected Location(s)	Department(s)
	x Alamance Cancer Center	Blood Bank
	x High Point Cancer Center	Cytology
	x Wesley Long Cancer Center	Flow Cytometry
	x Alamance Regional	Histology
	x Annie Penn Hospital	x Microbiology
	x MedCenter @ High Point	Phlebotomy
	x MedCenter @ Mebane	Point Of Care
	x Moses Cone Hospital	x Rapid Response Lab
	x Wesley Long Hospital	Respiratory Therapy
	x Women's Hospital	x Specimen Processing
Why?	Due to media availability, saline may be used in place of VTM for COVID testing.	
What you will need to	Read STOP announcement.	
do to prepare:	The initial distribution of saline and swabs will be provided by MC.	
	Once supplies are available, each site will prepare their own saline tubes. A procedure for saline preparation will follow.	
	Command Center will distribute notification that Saline is an acceptable sample type for COVID-19 testing.	
	Send Post Live Documentation to IT Manager within 5 days of the effective date for test systems marked with an "X"	
	Sunquest	WindowPath
 Manager / Supervisor	CHL	Instrument / Manual Test
Responsibility:	PowerPath	
Need Help?	Contact your Manager / Supervisor	

Saline Tubes Acceptable to Replace VTM for COVID Testing Only

tube types may change due to availability



