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## Technical Bulletin

### Use of Transport Media with the Sofia Influenza A+B FIA Kit

Specimens should be tested as soon as possible after collection. However, if transport of samples is required, minimal dilution of the sample is recommended, as dilution may result in decreased test sensitivity. One (1) milliliter or less is suggested for optimal rapid test performance when using transport media. When using samples in Viral Transport Media, use the Test Procedure in the Package Insert for “Nasopharyngeal Aspirate/Wash or Samples in Viral Transport Media.” The following viral transport media are compatible with the Sofia Influenza A+B FIA:

Viral Transport Media	Recommended Storage Condition	
	2°C to 8°C	25°C
Copan Universal Transport Media	72 hours	72 hours
BD Universal Viral Transport Media	72 hours	72 hours
Hank’s Balanced Salt Solution	24 hours	Not recommended
M4	72 hours	72 hours
M4-RT	72 hours	72 hours
M5	72 hours	72 hours
M6	72 hours	72 hours
Modified Liquid Stuarts	6 hours	Not recommended
Saline	24 hours	4 hours
Starplex Multitrans	72 hours	72 hours
Sigma Virocult Media	24 hours	24 hours

**Note:** When using Viral Transport Media (VTM), it is important to ensure that the VTM containing the sample is warmed to room temperature.

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