

# **Oklahoma State Department of Health Viral Respiratory Illness Sentinel Surveillance System**

## **Instructions for Ordering Viral Transport Media (VTM) from the Oklahoma State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory Online**

1. Go to the following link: <https://oklahoma.gov/health/locations/public-health-laboratory/forms.html>
2. Select "Laboratory Supply Request Form" under the heading "Supplies".
3. Select the "OTHER" option for "type of facility".
4. Fill out all the required address and contact information. For "Different Billing Address" select "No". *Please note as a sentinel respiratory surveillance partner, you will not be charged for testing supplies.*
5. "Internal Purchase Tracker" will be "Virologic Respiratory Surveillance"
6. For "Type of laboratory supplies being requested" select the option "Other Supplies".
7. For "Is this an outbreak" select "No".
8. Scroll to "Respiratory Virus Surveillance Kit" and specify the quantity that you wish to order. You may order no more than 4 units at a time. Please note a kit contains to following:
  - 1 Tube Viral Transport Media (VTM)
  - 1 Nasopharyngeal swab
  - 1 Biohazard specimen bag
  - 1 Bar code
  - 1 OSDH form 419.
9. Click the "Submit" button to turn in your order.

Questions about orders for viral transport kits and questions regarding the courier should be directed to the Public Health Laboratory at (405) 271-5070.

Questions concerning influenza surveillance should be directed to OSDH Infectious Disease Prevention and Response Respiratory Surveillance Coordinator at (405) 426-8710 or [Respiratory@health.ok.gov](mailto:Respiratory@health.ok.gov).