



## General Spotsee® Distributor

Germany – Austria - Switzerland Northern and Eastern Europe

The U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued guidelines for the storage and transport of COVID-19 specimens.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- Ship specimens frozen (-20°C) (preferred method)
- As an alternative, if refrigerated, specimens may be held between 2-8°C and shipped overnight to CDC (or other test labs)
  - NOTE: Some countries are advising to transport kits between 4-8°C. This gap 4°C to 8°C is too narrow
    to accomplish during transport because the temperature of the insulated boxes would have to be kept
    very stable.
  - o For countries with a 4-8°C guideline, a broader bandwidth of having an indicator of 2-8°C is logical and acceptable to accommodate for variability on the low end.

Following these guidelines will reduce specimen rejection rate and reduce opportunities for "false negative results."

## **CAUSES FOR REJECTION:**

- Refrigerated samples greater than 72 hours old
- Room temperature specimen submitted
- Improperly labeled
- Grossly contaminated; broken or leaking transport device

SpotSee has two products that indicate if specimens have exceeded control temperatures:

For Frozen Transport (-20°C): For Refrigerated Transport:

(preferred method) (alternate method: must be tested within 72 hours) – USA & EU





We are partnering with test kit providers (i.e. Thermo Fisher and BioMérieux), medical supply / cold chain packaging distributors, health departments, and affiliated laboratories to prevent unnecessary false negative COVID-19 test results through controlled temperature indicators.

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Thank you for your efforts in the battle against COVID-19.