

Specimen Collection of Nasopharyngeal Specimens:

- Collect nasopharyngeal specimen **ONLY** using the nasopharyngeal swab provided in the Novel Coronavirus Specimen Collection Kit.
- Pre-freeze the cold packs inside of each half of the foam box to ensure they are ready for specimen packaging and transport.
- Immediately store collected nasopharyngeal specimen in the refrigerator (4°C) until ready for transport. Specimen should be received within 72 hours of collection.
- Any specimens stored overnight should be frozen, and labeled "frozen", until they can be shipped with pre-frozen cold packs.
- Do not ship nasopharyngeal specimens on a Saturday.



Kit Contents Include:

- 1 **OneSwab**® transport media vial
- 1 Nasopharyngeal flocked swab
- 1 Biohazard bag
- 2 Cold Packs
- 1 Styrofoam container

Nasopharyngeal collection:

1. Have the patient blow their nose and then check for obstructions.
2. Tilt the patient's head back 70 degrees insert a swab into nostril parallel to the palate. Swab should reach depth equal to distance from nostrils to outer opening of the ear.
3. Leave swab in place for several seconds to absorb secretions. Slowly remove swab while rotating it.
4. Insert swab into the **OneSwab**® transport media vial. Break the shaft at the molded break point.
5. Be sure the swab collected above has been inserted into the **OneSwab**® transport media vial and that the swab tip is immersed in the liquid. To prevent leakage, be sure the swab fits into the vial prior to capping. Tightly cap the vial and label with a minimum of two patient identifiers, including patient name and date of birth.
6. Place the labeled **OneSwab**® vial in the central pocket of a biohazard bag and seal.
7. Insert a test requisition form in the front pocket of the biohazard bag.
8. Place inside of the foam transport box in between two upright, pre-frozen cold packs.
9. Replace the foam lid and secure with a rubber band.
10. Place into the prepaid FedEx Lab Pack envelope. Be sure to seal the Lab Pack and verify that a preaddressed airbill is attached to ensure proper delivery. Contact FedEx at 1 (800) 463-3339 or visit www.fedex.com to arrange a pick-up for overnight delivery. **Do not ship on a Saturday.**