



Specimen Collection of Nasopharyngeal Specimens

- Collect nasopharyngeal specimen ONLY using the nasopharyngeal swab provided in the Novel Coronavirus Specimen Collection Kit.
- Immediately store collected nasopharyngeal specimen in the refrigerator (4°C) until ready for transport. Specimen should be received within 72 hours of collection.

Kit Contents Include:

- 1 COVID-*OneSwab*[™] viral transport media vial
- 1 Nasopharyngeal flocked swab
- 1 Biohazard bag
- 1 Transport box

Nasopharyngeal collection:

1. Have the patient blow their nose and then check for obstructions.
2. Insert the flexible swab into the nostril parallel to the palate (not upwards) until resistance is encountered. Swab should reach the depth equal to the distance from nostrils to the outer opening of the ear, indicating contact with the nasopharynx.
3. Leave swab in place for several seconds to absorb secretions. Slowly remove swab while rotating it.
4. Insert swab into the COVID-*OneSwab*[™] viral transport media vial. Break the shaft at the molded break point.
5. Be sure the swab collected above has been inserted into the COVID-*OneSwab*[™] viral 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 COVID-*OneSwab*[™] viral transport media 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 transport box.
9. 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.



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