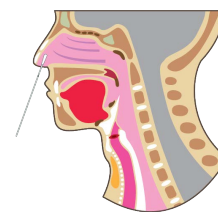


COVID-19 Nasal Swab Specimen Collection

This test has not been FDA cleared or approved. This test has been authorized by FDA under an EUA for use by authorized laboratories and have been authorized only for the detection of nucleic acid from SARS CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens. This test is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostic tests detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act 21, U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

- 1** Assemble the supplies needed. For sample collection, have the swab and transport medium tube with specimen number, and the small biohazard pouch available. Keep the larger zip-loc bags for step 8 while discarding the unmarked clear plastic bag that contained the collection supplies.
- 2** Open the collection swab wrapper by peeling open the top of the wrapper. Remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip of the swab or lay it down.
- 3** Screw off the top of the collection tube. Hold swab in one hand and collection tube in the other, being careful not to spill the liquid. Do not drink the liquid.
- 4** Insert the swab at least 1 cm (0.5 inches) inside the nostril (naris) and firmly sample the nasal membrane by rotating the swab and leaving in place for 10 to 15 seconds.
- 5** Repeat step 4 in other nostril using the same swab.
- 6** Place swab into the transport medium tube and break (snap) off at the indicator line. Replace cap and screw cap on securely. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft.
- 7** Verify that the kit number on the specimen matches the kit number on the clear biohazard pouch and place the sample into the pouch along with the absorbent pad. **DO NOT place any additional contents inside the biohazard pouch.** Label biohazard pouch with the patient's name and DOB. Seal the pouch.
- 8** After sealing the biohazard pouches, place the pouches into a single resealable zip-close bag. Place the zip-close bag into outer packaging to ship. Follow the specimen transportation guidelines below.



Specimen Transport Conditions: Sender is responsible for ensuring the correct designation, packaging, labelling and documentation of substances.

Samples can be stored and shipped at room temperature (if received for testing within 48 hours of collection).

Samples that are expected to be received after 48 hours collection should be stored and shipped at 4°C.

When shipping, label the packaging with “UN3373 Substance Category B”. Please follow shipping and transport guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Further information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/lab-biosafety-guidelines.html>

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