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# STANDARD 4 TARGET RESPIRATORY VIRUS SWABS

For adults and children, one nasopharyngeal swab.

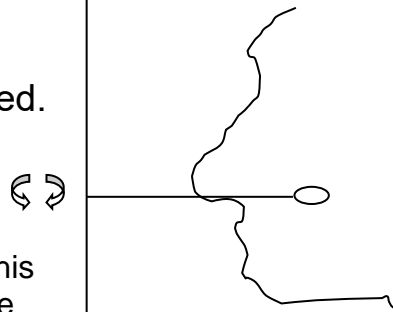
RSV    Influenza A & B    SARS-CoV-2

## NASOPHARYNGEAL SWABS

Rest back of patient's head against wall or bed.  
Insert swab 4-5 cm into nose in horizontal direction.

Rotate swab 3 x each way.

COVID and Pertussis testing can be performed on this swab – Only if requested at the same time. Sorry we are unable to add on requests later.



Nasopharyngeal Viral Swabs 2021  
Purple or other colour top



Throat Viral  
(thick shaft)



Bacterial

"Virus  
Transport  
Medium"



Fine  
section  
for  
nose  
  
Snaps  
off here



"Throat" swabs will **NOT** be tested for virus.  
Please label the swab as "Nasopharyngeal" or "NPS".

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