

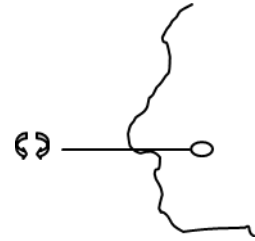
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COVID-19 TESTING

Specimen requirement: One Nasopharyngeal swab

NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB COLLECTION

- Wear PPE: mask, gloves, eye protection, gown
- 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-19 swab packs

- Each pack contains one swab and one tube
- Swab is **flexible**
- Tube contains **virus transport medium** (VTM or VTF)

Actual swabs/tubes may vary slightly from those pictured



- COVID-19 swabs must be **double bagged if sent in the Lamson**, otherwise a single bag is sufficient
- COVID-19 swabs must be **bagged separately** from other laboratory specimens such as bloods and other swabs, and have a separate laboratory request form
- COVID-19 swabs will routinely be tested for SARS-CoV-2 virus only
- If additional respiratory swab examinations are required, a separate sample and request form must be sent for each
- Also accepted: Sputum (but this requires aerosol precautions for collection)