

COVID-19 NARES SPECIMEN COLLECTION

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MATERIALS:

Contained in one plastic zip-lock bag:

- ◆ One large specimen collection swab (not NP swab)
- ◆ One tube Transport Medium
- ◆ Biohazard Transport Bag

METHOD:

1. Remove swab from wrapper.
2. Insert swab approximately 2 cm into one naris.
3. Gently press into the naris to apply light pressure on the swab.
4. Rotate against the anterior mucosa for 3 seconds, covering the entire circumference of the naris.
5. Repeat this procedure, using the same swab, in the second naris.
6. Break off swab into the Transport Medium.
7. Carefully cap the tube to prevent leakage.
8. Label specimen with patient label (two unique patient identifiers required: full name and medical record number or date of birth).
9. Refrigerate specimen and transport to the laboratory, refrigerated, as soon as possible.

