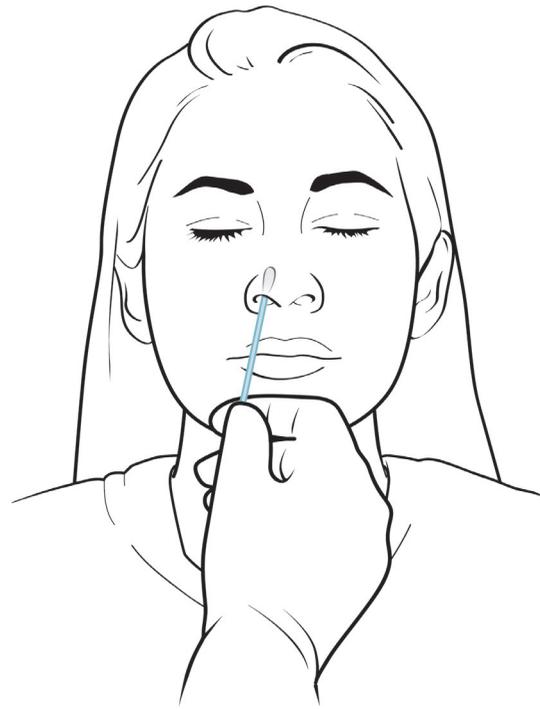


# COVID-19 Collection Instructions

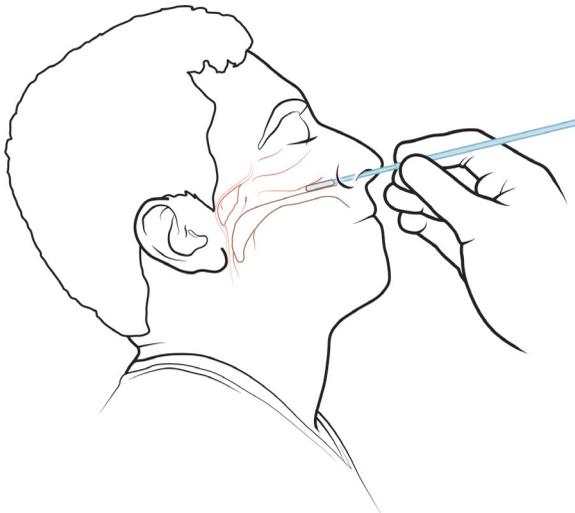
## ANTERIOR NASAL SWAB COLLECTION

1. Position head slightly back.
2. Using gloves and keeping the tip sterile, remove the swab.
3. Insert the swab less than an inch until slight resistance is met.
4. Rotate in a circular motion for 3-5 seconds and repeat in the other nostril with the same swab.
5. Place tip of the swab into the transport media, breaking off the shaft.
6. Replace the top of the vial and ensure it is securely fastened.
7. Confirm that the name and date of birth on the vial are correct.



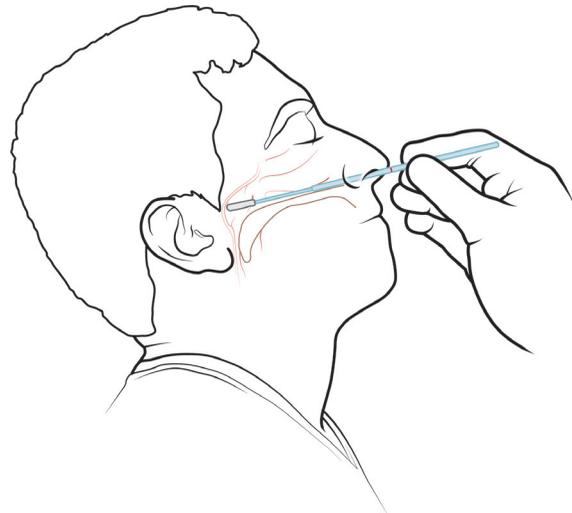
## MID-TURBINATE SWAB COLLECTION

1. Instruct the patient to tilt their head back 70 degrees.
2. Using gloves and keeping the tip sterile, remove the swab.
3. While rotating, insert the swab one inch or less until resistance is met at the turbinates.
4. Rotate the swab 3-5 times against the nasal wall and repeat in the other nostril with the same swab.
5. Place tip of the swab into the transport media, breaking off the shaft.
6. Replace the top of the vial and ensure it is securely fastened.
7. Confirm that the name and date of birth on the vial are correct.



## NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB COLLECTION

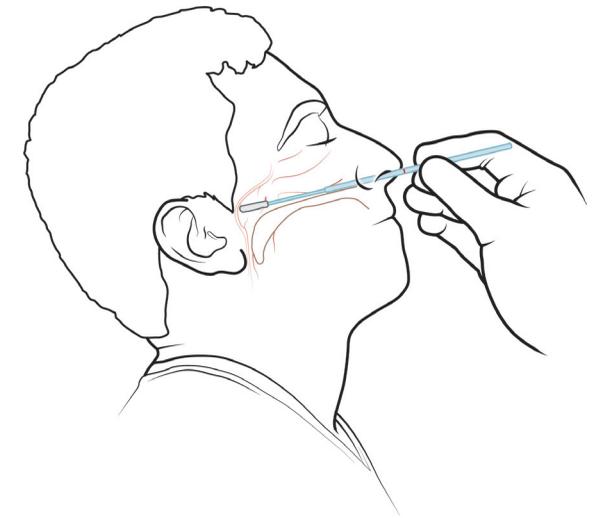
1. Instruct the patient to tilt their head back 70 degrees.
2. Using gloves and keeping the tip sterile, remove the swab.
3. Insert the swab into the nostril until it reaches a depth equal to the distance from the nostrils to the outer opening of the ear.
4. Leave the swab in place for several seconds.
5. Slowly remove the swab while rotating. The same swab can be used for both nostrils.
6. Place tip of the swab into the transport media, breaking off the shaft.
7. Replace the top of the vial and ensure it is securely fastened.
8. Confirm that the name and date of birth on the vial are correct.



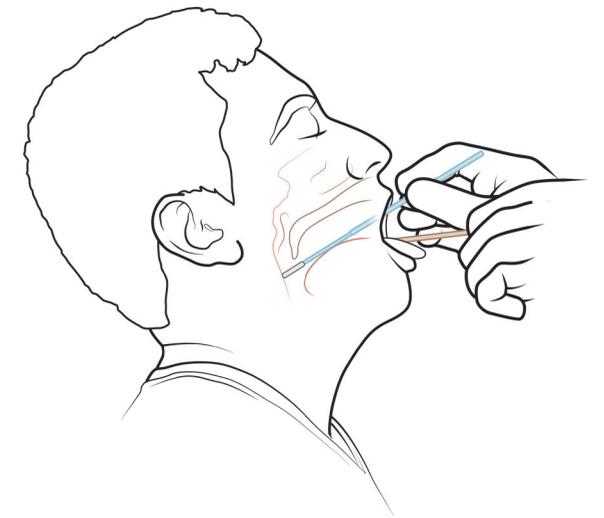
## NASOPHARYNGEAL/OROPHARYNGEAL POOLED COLLECTION

1. Instruct the patient to tilt their head back 70 degrees.
2. Using gloves and keeping the tip sterile, remove the swab.
3. Insert the swab into the nostril until it reaches a depth equal to the distance from the nostrils to the outer opening of the ear.
4. Leave the swab in place for several seconds.
5. Slowly remove the swab while rotating. The same swab can be used for both nostrils.
6. Place tip of the swab into the transport media, breaking off the shaft.
7. Take a second swab, insert into mouth and swab the posterior pharynx and tonsillar areas (avoid the tongue).
8. Place tip of the swab into the same transport media tube, breaking off the shaft.
9. Replace the top of the vial and ensure it is securely fastened.
10. Confirm that the name and date of birth on the vial are correct.

*NOTE: Oropharyngeal swab collection, or pooled collection that includes oropharyngeal swab collection, cannot be used for the multiplex COVID-19, Influenza A/B assay (M123).*



*Nasopharyngeal collection*



*Oropharyngeal collection*