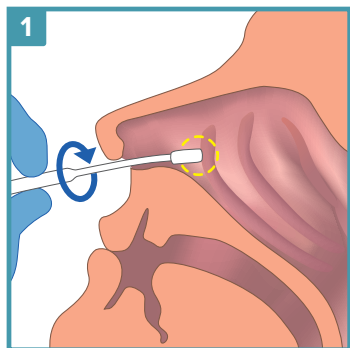


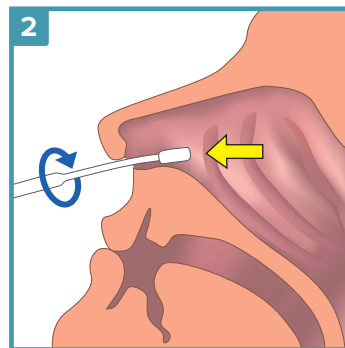
**Preparation:** Open the individual collection package and have all materials available.

**Materials:** Flocked swab, Transport Media (UTM/VTM/Saline), Absorbent Material, Alcohol Wipes, Biohazard Bag, Requisition Form

## Nasal Swab Specimen Collection for COVID-19 Testing

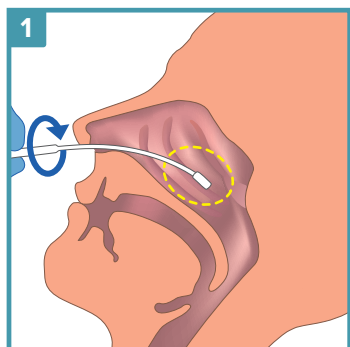


- Tilt patient's head back 70 degrees.
- Insert swab into 1 nostril straight back (not upwards, until resistance is met at turbinates).
- Gently rotate it in a circular motion several times against nasal wall.

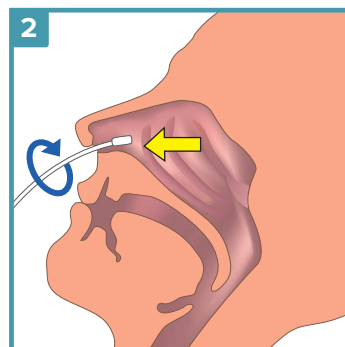


- Slowly remove swab while rotating it.
- **Repeat this step for the second nostril using the same swab.**
- Proceed to Final Step of securing Transport Media tube.

## Nasopharyngeal (NP) Specimen Collection for COVID-19 Testing

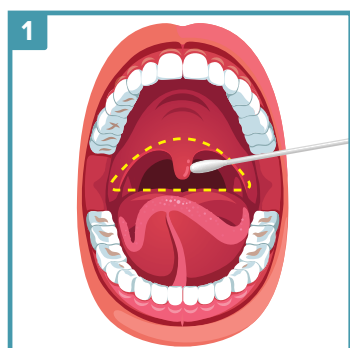


- Tilt patient's head back 70 degrees.
- Insert swab into nostril along the palate extending straight back until the posterior nasopharynx is reached (swab should reach depth equal to distance from nostrils to outer opening of ear).
- Gently rotate it in a circular motion several times and keep it in place for 10 seconds.



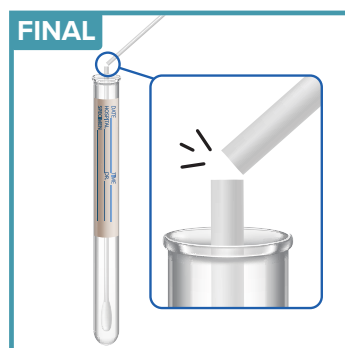
- Slowly remove swab while rotating it.
- **Repeat this step for the second nostril using the same swab.**
- Proceed to Final Step of securing Transport Media tube.

## Oropharyngeal Swab Specimen Collection for COVID-19 Testing



- Insert swab to contact the posterior pharynx and tonsillar areas (avoid the tongue, teeth and gums).
- Proceed to Final Step of securing Transport Media tube.

## Final Step for all Sample Collection Techniques



- Place tip of swab into 1-3 mL of sterile Transport Media tube. Bend/cut/snap the applicator stick as appropriate.
- Secure the cap of the Transport Media tube and close tightly.