

- Equipment** N95 Particulate Mask
Gloves
Goggles
Gown
- Collect** 1X Nasopharyngeal orange top flocked swab (Item# 34020)
Plus
1X Oropharyngeal (throat) black top dacron swab (Item# 01934)

These two types of swabs do not have any media contained in their sheath.

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Please record **travel destinations, date of return** and **date of onset of symptoms.**

Procedure

Wash hands or use alcohol hand rub.

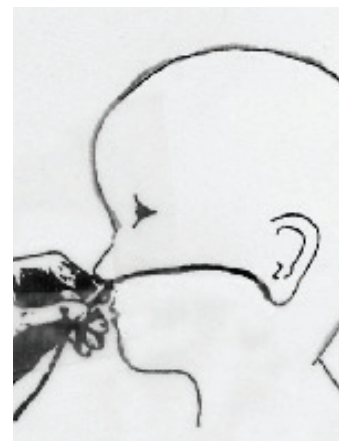
Don N95 mask, goggles, gown and gloves in this order. This personal protective equipment (PPE) must be used when collecting these samples.

Where an N95 mask is not available, substitute a surgical mask.



Nasopharyngeal swab

- Measure the distance from the patients nostril to the earlobe, using an orange top flocked swab.
- Arrange for the patient to sit or lie down with the head tilted backwards. If the procedure is being performed on a child ensure someone holds the child's forehead firmly in this position as well as secures the arms folded across their abdomen.
- Stand on either the left or right side of the patient.
- Ask the patient to breathe through their mouth throughout the procedure if possible. This may help to alleviate any gagging sensation.
- Guide the swab gently through anterior nostril and pass horizontally along the floor of the nasal cavity. The depth of insertion should be at least half the measured distance from the earlobe to the anterior nostril. Gently but quickly rotate the swab whilst withdrawing it.
- Repeat the procedure on the other nostril using the same swab. Sampling both nostrils increases the yield of material to be tested.



Throat swab

- Sample the throat swab using the black top swab.

Label specimens as per Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology Protocol.

Transport samples at room temperature to Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology Laboratory.

Clean the environment thoroughly after the procedure using 70% alcohol.

Remove PPE carefully after procedure (remove gloves, wash hands or use alcohol based rub, remove goggles, gown and mask and wash hands or use alcohol based rub).

