

# COVID-19 and respiratory virus collection instructions

## Information for doctors

### Preparation

- One orange top swab is used for both throat and nose collection.
- Wash hands and wear appropriate personal protection equipment for respiratory virus collections.

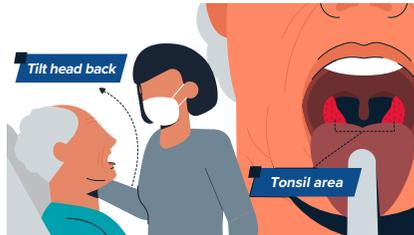
### Clinical indications

A nasopharyngeal and throat collection is required for the testing of:

- Bordetella pertussis and/or Mycoplasma pneumoniae PCR
- Oncology or immunocompromised patients.

Use a purple top dual swab kit (item 55626) for patients clinically indicated.

### Throat swab collection



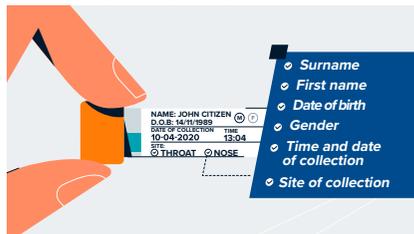
1. Remove the tube from the packet, unscrew the orange lid and stand the tube on a stable surface.
2. Remove the swab from the packet and do not touch the padded tip of the swab.
3. Tilt the patients head back slightly and ask the patient to stick out their tongue.
4. If necessary, use a tongue depressor to push the back of the tongue down and expose the tonsil area.
5. Without touching the sides of the mouth or tongue, swab the back of the throat and tonsil area on both sides.
6. Withdraw the swab, taking care not to touch any other part of the mouth and dispose of the tongue depressor.

### Nasal swab collection



7. Insert the tip of the same swab at least 2-3 cm (or as far as comfortably possible) into the first nostril.
8. Rotate the swab 5 times and then leave in position for 5-10 seconds to absorb any material present.
9. Withdraw the swab carefully, taking care not to touch its exposed tip.
10. Repeat steps seven to nine on the second nostril with the same swab.
11. Insert swab into tube and snap the end of the swab off at the mark, leaving the padded tip in the tube and discard the end.
12. Screw the lid firmly onto the tube (with swab inside) to ensure no leakage.

### Final checklist



13. Label the orange top tube with patient's surname, first name, date of birth, date and time of collection, and collection sites - throat and nose.
14. Place the labelled tube (with swab inside) into a pathology specimen bag and completed request form into the outer sleeve.
15. Leave the sample out in the designated area for the SNP courier to pick up.
16. Do not refrigerate the specimen.

Swab collection device

Sigma Transwab® Liquid Amies single swab orange top (item 55625)



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