

Correct collection process is vital to receiving the most accurate NGS diagnostic results. Please follow the steps below.



# VIRAL INFECTIONS

## SAMPLE COLLECTION METHOD

### Nasopharyngeal Swab


#### Do's & Don'ts

✓ **DO** - Have specimen collected by trained qualified clinical staff.

✓ **DO** - Store specimen at room temperature.

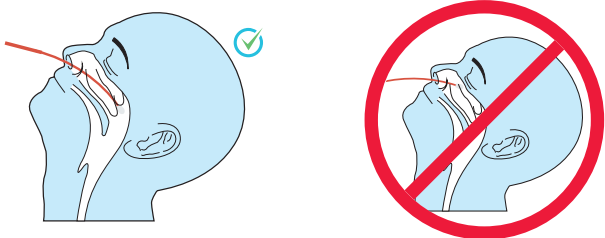
✗ **DO NOT** - Refrigerate specimen once collected.

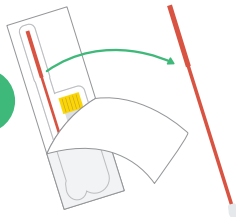
✗ **DO NOT** - Take antibiotics. Patient must be off all antibiotics for 2 days prior to collection. This is optimal. However, if not possible, the test can still be run.

**1**  Specimen must be collected by trained qualified clinical staff.

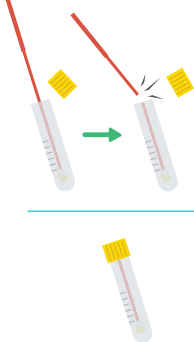
Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. Put on gloves and mask after cleansing and drying.

**3** Perform nasopharyngeal swab collection. Specimen must be collected by trained and qualified clinical staff.




**2**  Please make sure the collection device has not passed the expiration date.

- Open nasopharyngeal swab collection kit.
- Carefully remove mini-tip swab from packaging. Avoid contact of swab tip with gloves or any surface.

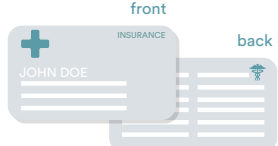
**4**  Place swab in collection tube. Collection tube contains viral transport medium.

Break off excess length of swab at score mark to permit capping of tube.

Cap tube tightly to prepare for shipping.

**5**  a. Use a permanent marker to write name and collection date on small tube/vial.

b. Please have the patient sign the lab requisition form accepting financial responsibility.

**6**  Submit patient face sheet and demographics with insurance information or both sides of a patient's insurance card.

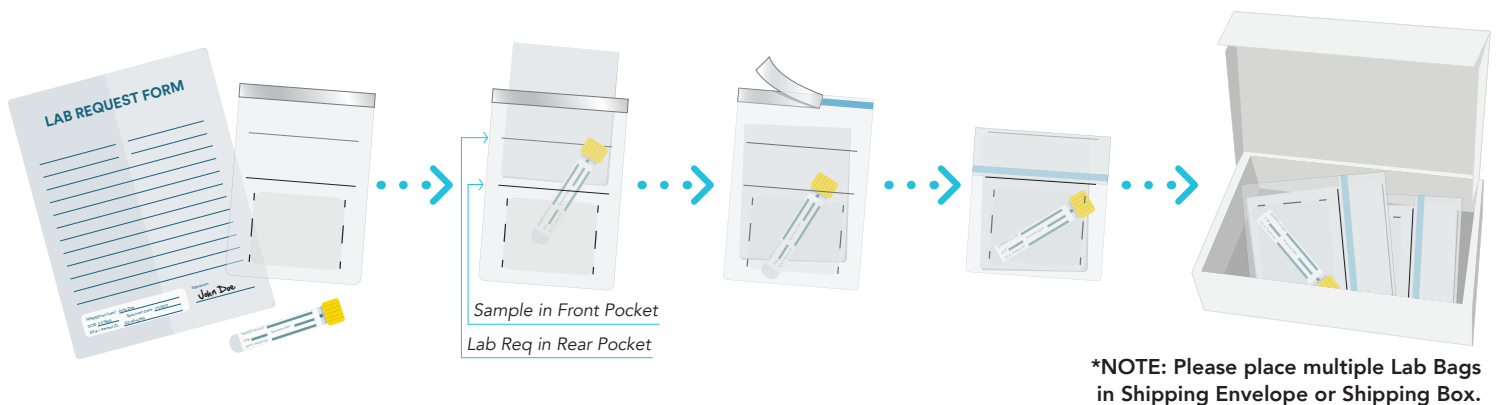
SEE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS NEXT 



## PACKING SAMPLES FOR SHIPMENT

1. Place the Small Sample Collection Bag and/or Vials into the front pocket (between the black hash-lines) of Biohazard Lab Bag.
2. Place folded Lab Requisition Form into the back pocket of the Lab Bag.
3. IMPORTANT: Place only one Sample and one Lab Requisition in each Lab Bag.
4. Peel white strip off Lab Bag to expose adhesive backing and follow instructions printed on Bag to create a continuous, airtight seal.
5. Place the sealed Lab Bag into the Prepaid FedEx Shipping Box.
6. **You can add multiple completed lab bags into 1 FedEx Shipping carton.**

NOTE: More than one Lab Bag can be placed in the Shipping Box



## 3 CONVENIENT FEDEX SHIPPING METHODS

1. Drop into FedEx Dropbox including Kinkos FedEx locations
2. Call for pick up 1-800-GoFedEx (1-800-463-3339). Say "agent" twice to speak to agent. Let them know it's prepaid pick up.
3. Use our online "schedule a pick up" page.

When possible retain your tracking number.

