

IntelligeneCG Lab: Nasopharyngeal Swab Collection

Nasopharyngeal swab collection kit contains:

- a) Biohazard resealable plastic bag
- b) One flocked nasopharyngeal swab
- c) Collection tube with viral transport media
- d) Two copies of barcode label; one for tube, one for requisition
- e) Requisition form

Steps to Collect Specimen

1. Assemble the supplies needed, insuring all items above are in place. Apply one barcode to the collection tube, and one barcode to the top of the requisition form.
2. Clear the nasal passage of excessive mucus by blowing nose.
3. Open the swab container and remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip to any surface or lay it down. Gloves should be worn

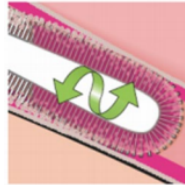
by the individual collecting the sample throughout the collection procedure.



4. Tilt head back 70 degrees, resting head against a wall or hard surface during specimen collection if necessary.
5. Hold the swab with fingers on the score line, and using your dominant hand gently insert the Nasopharyngeal swab into the nostril along the septum floor of the nose extending straight back until the posterior nasopharynx is reached (distance from nostrils to external opening of ear).

IntelligeneCG Lab: Nasopharyngeal Swab Collection

6. Leave swab in place for 10-15 seconds to absorb secretions, gently rotating the swab against the nasopharyngeal mucosa before gently removing.



7. Place the tip of swab into the sterile viral transport media tube and snap off the applicator stick, being sure not to contaminate. Ensure lid is placed on correctly and tightly closed. Incorrect lid placement can result in leakage requiring recollection.
8. Place specimen container in a biohazard transport bag and seal the bag.

9. Fill in the requisition form with following information:

- a) Individual/patient's name
- b) Date of Birth
- c) Date of Collection
- d) Patient insurance information
- e) Patient signature
- f) Physician signature

10. Place requisition form in the pocket of the biohazard specimen bag. Submit sample with requisition form, using test code Z11.59 on form for the COVID-19 test.