



STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR COVID 19 SPECIMEN COLLECTION

1. OPEN THE SAMPLING KIT
2. WASH HANDS WITH SANITIZER (60% ALCOHOL)
3. REMOVE SWAB FROM PACKET, DO NOT TOUCH SOFT END OF SWAB.
4. INSERT SOFT END OF SWAB INTO THE NOSE; DO NOT ADVANCE INSIDE THE NOSE MORE THAN $\frac{3}{4}$ OF AN INCH OR 1.5MM.
5. SLOWLY ROTATE THE SWAB IN A CIRCULAR MOTION INSIDE THE NOSE AGAINST THE INSIDE OF THE NOSTRIL, ABOUT 4 TIMES FOR 15 SECONDS. COLLECT ANY DRAINAGE THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN THE NOSE.
6. GENTLY REMOVE SWAB
7. USING THE SAME SWAB, REPEAT STEPS 4-6, ON OTHER NOSTRIL.
8. PLACE SWAB IN STERILE TUBE, PROVIDED IN THE KIT, SOFT TIP DOWN, AND SNAP OFF THE END.
9. PLACE TUBE CONTAINING SWAB IN BIOHAZARD BAG PROVIDED ALONG WITH THE REQUISITION FORM.