


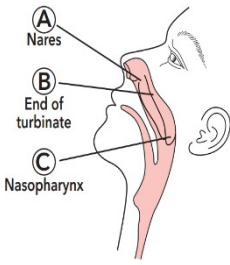
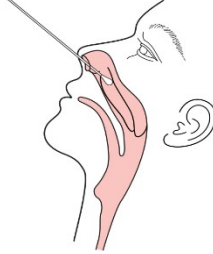
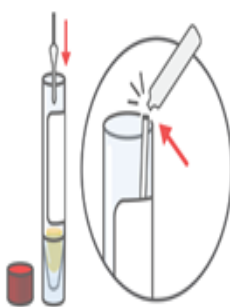

# Nasal Mid Turbinate Collection & Handling for SARS-COV-2 Testing

## Description

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**Warnings: DO NOT** drink or touch the DNA/RNA Shield™ solution. The DNA/RNA Shield solution can be harmful if ingested and may cause irritation if exposed to the skin and eyes.

## SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

<p><b>1</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nasal swab kits comes with a swab and collection tube containing DNA/RNA Shield reagent.</li> <li>• Peel open the swab package and remove swab.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tip head back</li> <li>• Head should be inclined as shown for proper specimen collection.</li> <li>• It is important to obtain as much secretion as possible.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gently insert the sterile swab until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (less than one inch into the nostril).</li> <li>• Rotate the swab a few times against the nasal wall.</li> <li>• Leave in place for 5 seconds than remove swab from nostril.</li> </ul>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open the collection tube and insert the nasal swab tip into the DNA/RNA Shield reagent.</li> <li>• Break off swab at indicator line leaving the swab tip in the collection tube.</li> <li>• Screw cap on securely.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen must be labeled with two patient identifiers (<b>First &amp; Last Name and DOB</b>)</li> <li>• Place completed Forms and specimen in biohazard bag.</li> <li>• Place biohazard bag back in large envelope, seal and place in dropbox.</li> </ul>	

## SPECIMEN TRANSPORT

- Samples in DNA/RNA Shield™ are stable for long periods and can be transported at room temperature.
- The lab processes specimens Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (ET)
- Samples can be dropped off 24 hours a day in our DropBox located in front of our office at the address listed below.

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