

Nasal Swab Collection Instructions (Healthcare Professional)

If you do not have an account set-up with Exact Sciences Laboratories, please call 844-570-9730.

1. Complete the patient label. Record the following patient details on the label in ink. Set aside until collection is complete (**see image A**):

- First name and Last name
- Date of Birth
- Date of Collection (DOC)
- Time of Collection (TOC)

A.

Joe Smith
1/1/1960
3/26/2020
06:00 AM

2. Loosen the cap on the tube but do not remove the cap from the tube.

3. Remove swab from wrapper (**see image B**).

4. Swab both nostrils (**see image C**).

5. After swabbing both nostrils, remove the cap from the tube and place the swab into the media.

6. Vigorously swirl the swab in the media. Perform this swirling for at least 10 seconds.

7. Slowly pull the swab out of the liquid until it is resting on the inside of the tube with no media around it.

8. Press the swab against the inside of the tube to squeeze as much liquid as possible out of the end of the swab and into the tube.

9. Discard the used swab in an appropriate waste container.

10. Replace the cap back onto the tube.

11. Tighten the cap until secure.

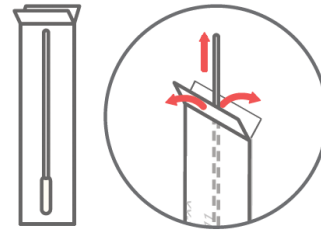
12. Place label around the middle of the tube, ensuring that the label does not overlap with the tube lid (**see image D**).

13. Place sample in bag with absorbent pad and seal bag.

14. Store samples at 2-8°C until ready for transport to lab.

- Note: All sample collected during the day, should be sent to the lab on that same day
- All sample must be returned to Exact Sciences Laboratories per the Shipping Instructions

B.

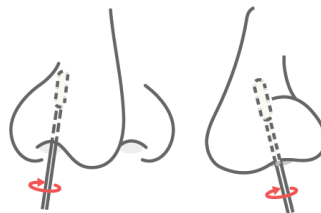


Open Nasal Swab

Remove the nasal swab from the wrapper by pulling the two ends of the wrapper apart (like you would to open an adhesive bandage).

Be careful to only touch the swab handle, not the swab tip.

C.

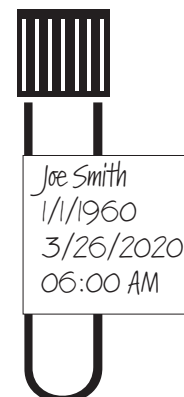


Swab Nose

Gently insert the **entire** soft tip of the swab into one nostril until you feel a bit of resistance and rub it in a circle inside the nose **4 times**.

Next, gently insert **the same swab** into the other nostril and rub it around the same way.

D.



Return Shipping Instructions

Courier or Ship samples to:

650 Forward Drive
DOCK 14
Madison, WI 53711

1. Courier samples daily
2. Overnight shipping required for shipped samples

For SINGLE sample shipment material provided by Exact Sciences Laboratories:

1. Place sealed biohazard bag containing sample, absorbent pad, and completed test requisition form in the return shipper and seal box
2. Leverage existing clinic UPS pick-up or call for box pick-up

For BULK sample shipment material provided by Exact Sciences Laboratories:

1. Remove included UN3373 label and Return shipping label from the inside of the box
2. Place all samples in the return shipping box. Each sample should be in its own sealed biohazard bag containing the sample, absorbent pad, and completed test requisition form
3. Seal box and apply the UN3373 label to one side of the box and place the return shipping label on the top of the box
4. Leverage existing clinic UPS pick-up or call for box pick-up

For any additional questions, please contact our COVID support team at **844-570-9730**.