

## COVID19 Specimen Collection: Proper Procedure

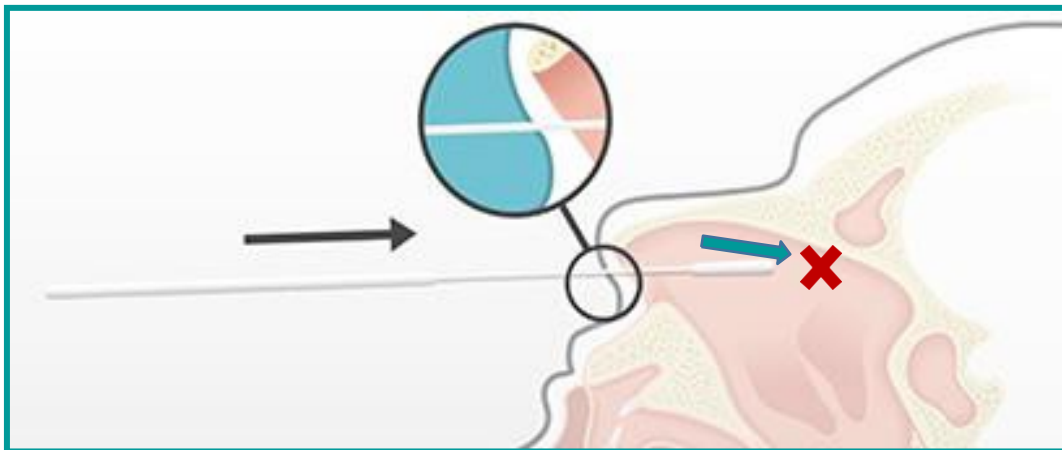
### WHAT:

Collect the following specimens using Laboratory Kits available:

1. **Upper Respiratory Tract**
  - Nasopharyngeal Swab

### HOW:

#### Nasopharyngeal Swab Procedure



1. Perform hand hygiene and don PPE
2. Peel open and remove swab from packaging
3. Tilt patient's head back slightly to straighten nasal passage
4. Insert swab into one nostril straight back (NOT upward) and horizontal and parallel to the palate **until resistance is met**
5. Rotate the swab back and forth for 5-10 seconds to obtain a sample
6. Insert the swab into the transport vial containing 2-3ml medium
7. Secure the cap and label the vial appropriately\*
8. Perform hand hygiene post procedure

#### Proper Labeling of Specimens

\*Label each specimen container with the Patient's Medical Record Number, Specimen ID, Specimen Type, and Date of Collection