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How to perform a Nasopharyngeal swab: Procedure steps

- 1) Put on a gown, gloves, mask, and googles or a face shield.
- 2) Let the patient wipe or blow the nose if necessary.
- 3) Have the patient sit upright and tilt their head back 70°.
- 4) Open test kit and take out the swab.
- 5) Gently insert the swab deep into the nostril, and rotate the swab several times against the nasal wall and leave in place a few seconds.
- 6) Using the same swab (or a new one), insert it through the mouth to the lower part of the throat and rub it over tonsillar pillars and the back of the throat.
- 7) Use the swab according to the diagnostic test. In case of a PCR test add it in collection tube with sterile transport medium, break it at score line, and place the lid on collection tube and close it tightly. In case of an rapid antigen test use the swab directly and follow the manufacturer instructions.





Short Video: <u>https://vimeo.com/402580767/31df31e432</u> Detailed Video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syXd7kgLSN8</u>