## Nasopharyngeal Specimen Collection

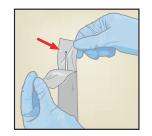
Open the package that contains the swab and transport medium tube. Set the tube aside before collecting the specimen.



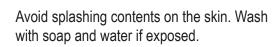
Remove the cap from the tube.
Insert the swab into the transport medium.

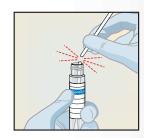


Open the swab wrapper and remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip of the swab to <u>any</u> surface.

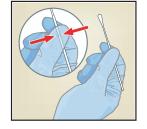


Break the swab shaft against the side of the tube at the scoreline.





Hold the swab in your hand, pinching in the middle of the swab shaft on the scoreline.



Replace the cap on the tube and close tightly.



Gently insert the swab into the nostril until you touch the posterior nasopharynx.

