

Nasal Swab Collection

- Encourage the patient to use hand sanitizer
- Hand patient the swab in the wrapper- Use only the swab that comes in the BinaxNOW kit
- The patient unwraps the swab and does not touch the swab tip
- Start with the nostril with the most drainage
- Gently insert the swab, 1 inch or less into nostril,
- Rotate the swab 5X against the nasal wall
- Slowly remove the swab and repeat on the other side with the same swab
- The patient slowly removes the swab and hands it to the test personnel to be tested immediately. Do not put the swab back in the wrapper
- Only handle the swab while wearing gloves and PPE

