

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) REQUIREMENTS

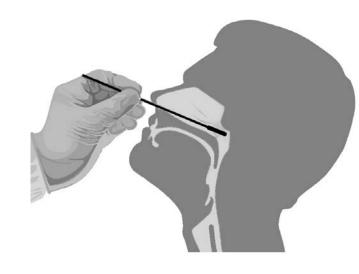
N95 respirator or Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)
Eye protection (goggles or face shield)

- Gloves
- Gown

For healthcare personnel collecting specimens or others within 2 meters of patient.

## NASOPHARYNGEAL BIOSPECIMEN COLLECTION

- **1 Position:** Tilt patient's head back 70°.
- **2 Probe:** Test septum permeability, use same swab.
- **Insert:** Gently insert swab parallel to the palate.
- **Depth:** Advance swab 2 to 3 inches until nasopharynx.
- **5 Swab:** Roll swab 4 times.
- **6 Remove:** Slowly withdraw swab while rotating it.
- **Store:** Place swab tip-first into the provided tube with media.
- **8 Transport:** Place tube in bag, and bog inside refrigerated box.
- **9 Referral:** Deliver specimen to our lab within 4 hours.



Based on CDC Interim Guidelines for Collecting and Handling of Clinical Specimens for COVID-19 Testing October 29, 2024