



Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as described by the CDC. Read all of the instructions before you begin the COVID-19 collection. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/A_FS_HCP_COVID19_PPE.pdf

1. Obtain one of each of the following COVID-19 Collection Supplies:

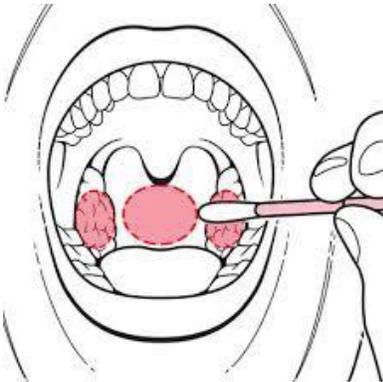
- Mayo Clinic COVID Testing White Tip Swab (T839)



- Mayo Clinic COVID Testing Media (T837) containing 3 mL of transport media
Note: The minimum amount of transport media required to send for testing is 1.5 mL.



2. Collect specimen using the Mayo Clinic COVID Testing White Tip Swab (T839) by swabbing the patient's posterior pharynx and tonsillar area (avoid the tongue).



3. Place collected swab into the Mayo Clinic COVID Testing Media (T837).
4. Grasp cap of swab stick and bend within the transport media until the stick breaks. Break the swab short enough to fit completely within the vial.
5. Discard the swab cap into the waste basket.
6. Cap the Mayo Clinic COVID Testing Media (T837) vial with broken swab inside.
7. Label the media vial with patient information, including at least 2 patient identifiers
 - Patient name
 - Birth date
 - Collection date
 - Collection time
 - Initials of individual collecting the specimen must also be on the media vial.

8. Store patient swabs frozen until a courier arrives.

Note: Specimens received at Mayo Clinic that are more than 7 days old (frozen) will be canceled.