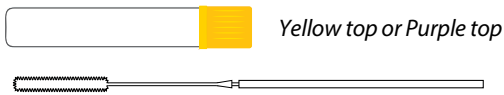


# Collection of Respiratory Virus Specimen – Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Laverty Pathology recommends collection of COVID-19 based on the current clinical advice and stock limitations.

## Option 1: 1x White top flock swab

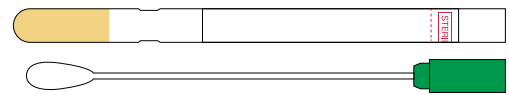
Plastic shaft swab (No Medium)



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Option 3

## Option 2: 1x Green top swab

Plastic shaft swab (Viral Transport Medium)



## Personal Protection:

- Provide a surgical mask for patient to put on and place patient in isolated room.
- While reviewing the patient, use a disposable, fluid resistant gown, gloves, P2/N95 mask and eye protection.
- 1x swab per patient is sufficient.

## Collection Method : NOSE & THROAT

1. Stand to one side and tilt the patient's head back slightly.
2. Ask the patient to open the mouth and say "Aaaah".
3. Swab the back of the throat and the tonsil area on both sides. Avoid the soft palate and do not touch the tongue with the swab tip.
4. Insert the same swab tip into one nostril as far as the anterior end of the nasal turbinate, parallel to the palate (approx. 2-3 cm in adults). Leave the swab in place for a few seconds then slowly withdraw using a rotating motion.
5. Repeat in the other nostril.  
Put the swab directly into the transport tube.
6. Snap off the swab shaft at the scored mark if necessary, and secure the lid tightly.
7. Label the tube with patient's name, date of birth, date of collection and site from which the specimen was collected (nose/throat) or apply the sticker produced from automated check-in. Mark the tube if appropriate for priority processing.
8. Have the patient confirm the details recorded on the specimen are correct.
9. Store and transport at room temperature.

