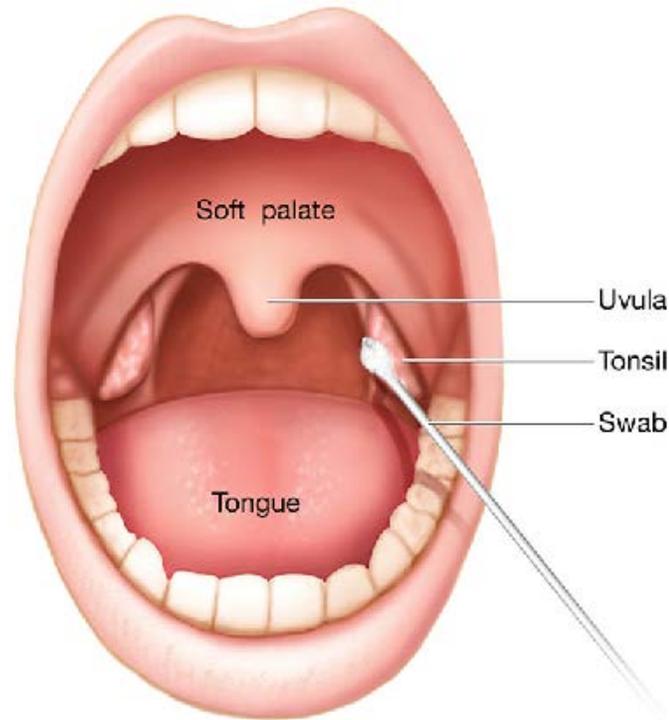


# SPECIMEN COLLECTION PROCEDURE



## Oropharyngeal (Throat) Swab Procedure

- 1.) PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR ENVIROMENT. Be in the car or room by yourself.
- 2.) Cough deeply 3-5 times in to your mask or sleeve to help bring up secretions from your lungs.
- 3.) DO NOT TOUCH THE TIP OF SWAB. OPEN SWAB FROM THE NON COTTON TIP END.
- 4.) Take swab, insert cotton end directly into mouth, and swab the right cheek, left cheek, tonsils, mouth, back of throat areas.10 seconds in each area. (Avoid the tongue.)
- 5.) Keeping the swab in your mouth, carefully unscrew the cap of the tube being careful not to spill the fluids. Take swab out of your mouth and place the tip of swab into the viral transport tube.
- 6.) Bend the swab back and forth breaking off any portion of the swab that doesn't fit into the tube.
- 6.) Close the cap tightly and mix the swab with the liquid.
- 7.) Place the viral transport tube in the biohazard bag and seal the top of bag.
- 8.) Drop off the specimen bag at the designated location.

**SPECIMENS NOT MEETING SAFETY CRITERIA WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISPOSED.**

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