YNHH Virology COVID-19 collection with additional Viral Nasopharynx orders.

To conserve Universal Viral Transport Media (UTM) swab collection kits, Nasopharynx (NP) orders for COVID-19 with Rapid Flu, and/or Respiratory Virus PCR Panel will be combined onto one collection label when ordered at the same time. **DO NOT** collect a separate sample each test. Use the add-on function if orders are not placed at the same time. **DO NOT** collect a new swab.

NOTE: Microbiology e-swabs are not acceptable for viral testing.

Rigid shaft regular tip flocked swab is intended for the **throat**.

Flexible shaft **minitip** flocked swabs intended for **nasopharynx**.

**Nasopharynx Specimen** Collection Procedure

1. Tilt patient’s head back 70 degrees.
2. Insert swab into nostril. (Swab should reach depth equal to distance from nostril to outer opening of the ear.) Leave swab in place for several seconds to enhance swabbing.
3. Slowly remove swab while rotating it. (Swab both nostrils with same swab.)
4. Place tip of swab into sterile viral transport media tube and snap/cut off the applicator stick.

**OPTIONAL**: Can insert same swab into both sides or add throat swab to enhance sensitivity if desired, but label as **NP only**.

Ensure cap is correctly aligned and tightly closed. Hand walk COVID swabs to the lab.

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