COLLECTION:

Direct nasal, throat or nasopharyngeal swabs (*pictured below*) should be tested as soon as possible after collection.

SAMPLE PACKAGING (*pictured at right*):

1. Immediately following collection, place the swab back in its original package.
2. Label the swab in its original package with two patient identifiers.
3. Place in a plastic biohazard specimen bag.
4. Place the test request form in the outside pocket of the biohazard bag. *Do not* place in the inside of the bag with the specimen. *Do not* staple.
5. Immediately refrigerate the specimen at 2-8°C.

SAMPLE DELIVERY:

Deliver in the plastic biohazard bag to an ID NOW testing facility in a transport bag with cool packs.

The swab should never exceed more than two (2) hours at room temperature (15-30°C) prior to testing.

The swab should never exceed 24 hours refrigerated at 2-8°C from the time of sample collection, prior to testing.