

COVID-19 Specimen Packaging Guidance

Abbott ID NOW Testing

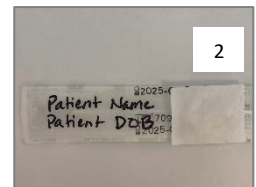
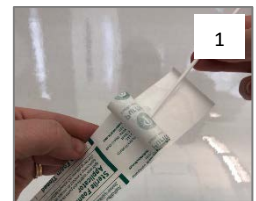
COLLECTION:

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 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.