Nasopharyngeal Specimen Collection

COVID-19 testing with SARS Coronavirus CoV-2 RNA, Qualitative Real-Time RT-PCR (test code SCOV) or SARS-CoV-2-RNA

These tests have not been FDA cleared or approved. These tests have been authorized by FDA under an EUA for use by authorized laboratories and have been authorized only for the detection of nucleic acid from SARS CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens. These tests are only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostic tests detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act 21, U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

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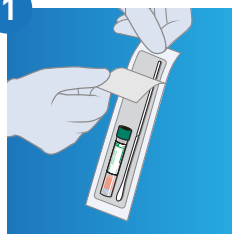

Open the individual collection package that contains the swab and Viral Transport Medium tube. Set the tube aside before beginning to collect the specimen.

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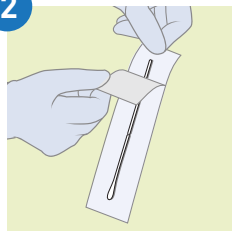

Open the collection swab wrapper by peeling open the top of the wrapper.

Remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip of the swab or lay it down.

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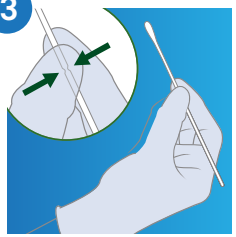

Hold the swab in your hand, placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft across the scoreline.

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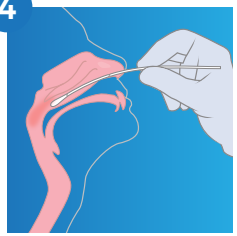

Gently insert the swab into the nostril. Keep the swab near the septum floor of the nose while gently pushing the swab into the post nasopharynx.

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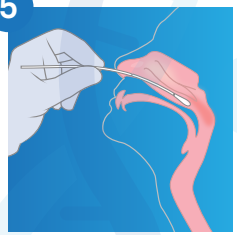

As a visual reference, the swab should be inserted about half the distance from the opening of the patient's nostril and the ear.

Rotate the swab several times.

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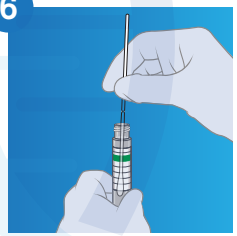

While holding the swab in the same hand, aseptically remove the cap from the tube.

Insert the swab into the tube with the transport medium.

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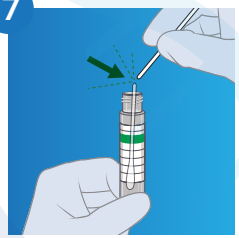

Identifying the scoreline, **break the swab shaft** against the side of the tube. If needed, gently rotate the swab shaft to complete the breakage.

Discard the top portion of the swab shaft.

Avoid splashing contents on the skin. Wash with soap and water if exposed.

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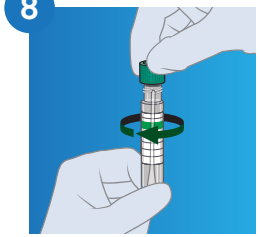

Replace the cap onto the tube and **close tightly** to prevent leaks.

Specimen stability for all specimen types for all tests (LDT and Roche) is now as follows:

Room temperature: 5 days

Refrigerated (2 °C–8 °C): 5 days

Frozen (-20 °C): 7 days

Frozen (-70 °C): Acceptable

Specimens should be transported to your local Sunrise Dianostics Lab Diagnostics accessioning laboratory according to standard operating procedures. Cold packs/pouches should be used if placing specimens in a lockbox for courier pick-up. STAT pick-up cannot be ordered for this test.

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