

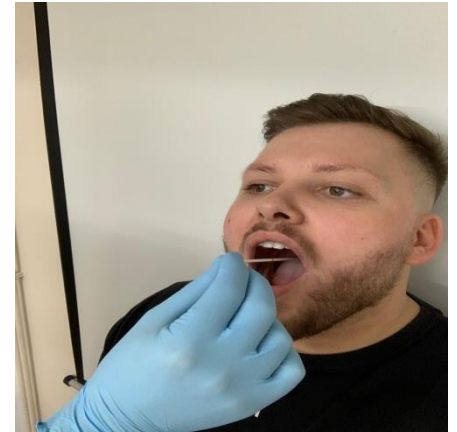
## 1. Equipment you will need:

- 1x **GREEN** Virology swab,
- 1x Virology form
- 1x Pathology bag,
- 1x clear specimen bag,
- 1x tissue



## 2. Wear appropriate PPE:

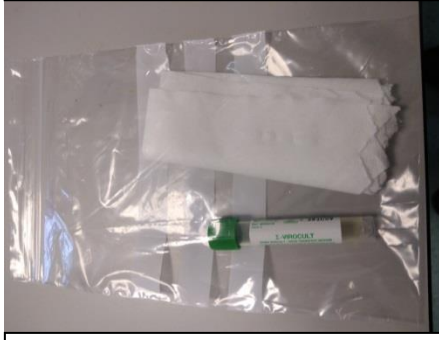
- Apron,
- Gloves,
- Fluid-resistant mask
- Visor



## 3. Swab tissue from the **BACK** of the throat with 5 robust swipes



## 4. Using the **SAME SWAB**, place JUST inside one nostril, wipe around then repeat for the other nostril. Then put the swab in the tube



## 5. Label the virology swab with full patient's ID

Place labelled swab in clear specimen bag and place an absorbent tissue in the bag.



## 6. Place inside Pathology Specimen Bag



## 7. Attach completed Virology form to outside of Pathology Specimen bag.

Once the swab is double-bagged with an absorbent tissue, please arrange delivery to the Microbiology/Pathology reception.

**Clinical areas are responsible for checking the results**

**SAMPLES MUST NOT BE SENT THROUGH AIR TUBE SYSTEM**