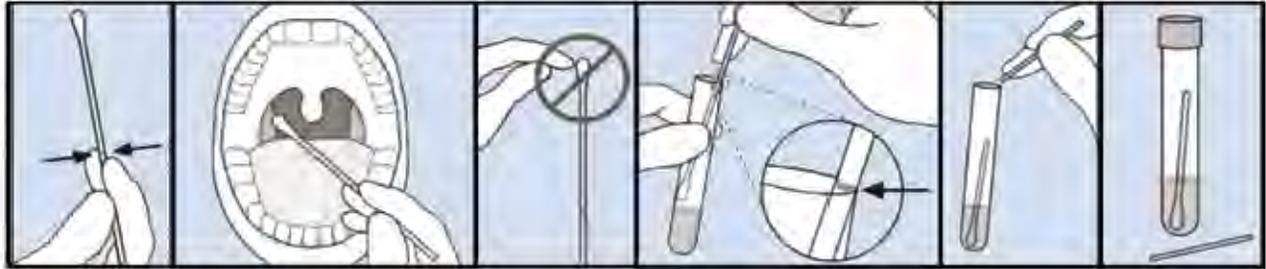


Oropharyngeal Provider Collection Instructions



1. Enter the test order for the patient into the Molecular Provider Portal
2. Once the order is submitted, fill out the patient specimen label as directed.
3. The patient should not eat, drink, smoke, or use oral hygiene products for at least 30 minutes before the start of the collection procedure.
4. Apply the specimen label created in step 2 to the specimen collection tube.
5. Hold the swab with the score line above your hand. Do not let it touch anything before or after sample collection, until it is placed in the collection tube.
6. Insert the swab into the patient's mouth and rub swab tip against the back of the throat, 20 second on the left side, then 20 seconds on the right side. Avoid touching the tongue, teeth, and gums with the swab.
7. Carefully withdraw the swab and place into the collection tube.
8. Break the swab at the score line by bending against the collection tube.
9. Place lid onto the collection tube and ensure it is closed evenly and tightly.
10. Place specimen into the biohazard bag and ensure the seal is closed completely.
Note: The thin "paper" sheet in the biohazard bag is the absorbent pad. Leave this in the biohazard bag.