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COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION OF SPECIMENS FOR *SARS-CoV-2 ANTIGEN TESTING

* The LIAISON SARS-CoV-2 Ag test is only for use under the Food and Drug Administration’s Emergency Use Authorization.

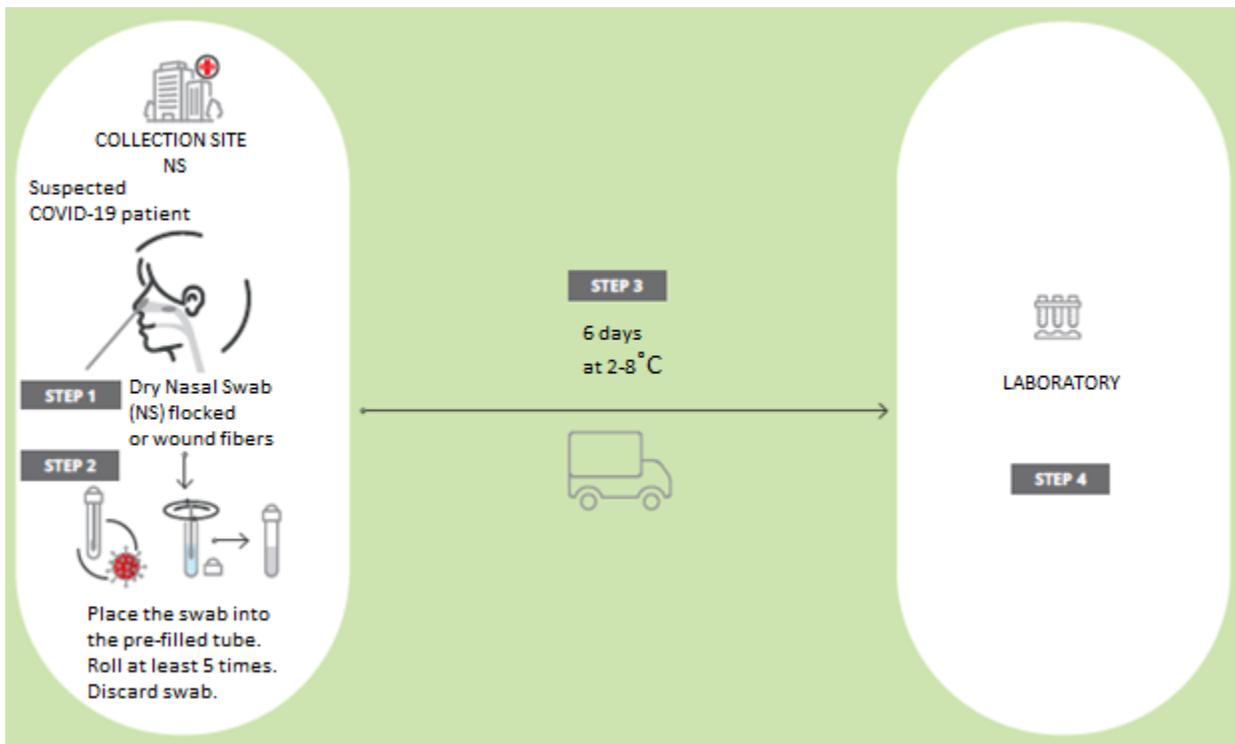
Upon receipt of the virus shipping containers, place the refrigerant pack in the freezer and keep frozen until specimens are packaged.

SPECIMEN

- Nasal Swab

SPECIMENS NOT LABELED WITH THE PATIENT’S NAME WILL BE DISCARDED WITHOUT TESTING.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION



1. Collect the sample by anterior nasal swab and place it into the inactivation buffer supplied.
2. Roll the swab at least 5 times while pressing the head against the bottom and side of the tube.
3. Leave the swab in the tube with the inactivation buffer for at least 1 minute.
4. Roll the head of the swab at least 5 times against the inside wall of the tube and remove it.
5. Dispose of the used swab in the biohazardous waste collection.

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Further instructions and Test Request Form are available online at <http://health.mo.gov/lab/>

STORAGE OF SPECIMENS

- Specimens should be shipped to the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory as soon as possible.
- Samples need to be received within 6 days of collection.
- Store and ship specimens at refrigerated temperature (2-8°C).

PACKING FOR SHIPMENT OF SPECIMENS

- Place refrigerant pack in Styrofoam box. Refrigerant pack must be frozen when box is packed for shipment to maintain specimens at proper temperature.
- Place specimen in safety container provided in Styrofoam container with refrigerant pillows.
- Place Styrofoam box with Test Request Form inside cardboard box and tape cardboard box shut.
- **DO NOT USE ICE MADE WITH WATER WHEN SHIPPING SPECIMENS**

SHIPMENT OF SPECIMENS

Determine method of shipment (mail or courier) that will get specimens to the laboratory in the shortest length of time. If possible, select the method of shipment so that the specimens will not arrive in Jefferson City on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday. **DO NOT SHIP CLINICAL SPECIMENS BY UPS.**

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