

Sample Collection Kit for COVID19 testing, Nasal Collection

Thank you for using the Tempus sample collection kit for COVID19 testing. Below you will find information about the specimen collection process and shipping instructions.

For questions and to order additional kits, please contact us at covidsupport@tempus.com.

PRIOR TO SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Without covering the barcoded label on the tube, add a second patient identifier, such as Date of Birth. Without a legible, second identifier, the sample will not be processed.

NASAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Your kit might include 2 swabs. Only 1 is required. Use 2nd one if there is an issue with the collection.

1. Insert the swab into the nostril until you meet slight resistance. (About 1 inch).
2. Rotate the swab 4 times. **Important:** Simply twirling the swab against one part of the inside of the nose, or leaving the swab in the nose for 10–15 seconds, is not proper technique and may result in an insufficient sample.
3. Repeat in the other nostril with the same swab.
4. Pick up the vial and hold steady in one hand.
5. Slowly twist the swab into the vial with a corkscrew motion. Push the swab all the way to the bottom of the tube. There will be slight resistance.
6. Move the swab up and down rapidly inside the tube 10–15 times without moving the swab out of the liquid.
7. Remove and discard the swab appropriately.
8. Recap the specimen vial.

COLLECTION KIT CONTENTS

- 1 Nasal swab
- 1 Tube with Mawi solution
- 1 Biohazard specimen bag with absorbent pad

Prelabeled Fedex Clinical Boxes are provided for shipping.

POST SPECIMEN COLLECTION & STORAGE

1. Confirm the cap on the tube is tight and will not fall off.
2. Confirm the tube is labeled with two patient identifiers (barcode and DOB).
3. Insert tube into the provided biohazard transport bag and close bag tightly.
4. Through the browser on a mobile device or computer, open covid-orders.securetempus.com.
5. Follow the prompts to complete the Order Form.
6. Preview the order, ensure all information is correct, and print the form.
7. Submit the order and ensure you see the confirmation screen.
8. Place one of the extra barcodes on the printed Order Form.
9. Retain a copy of the Order Form for patient records.
10. Place the printed Order Form into the outside pocket of the specimen bag. Do not enclose it inside the bag with the specimen tube.



Specimens may be held refrigerated or ambient for up to 72 hours.

Specimens must be received at the Tempus testing lab within 72 hours of collection.

SHIPPING

Specimens must be packaged and shipped in accordance with **International Air and Transportation Association (IATA)** regulations: UN3373, Category B, Biological Substances.

Specimens should ship at ambient temperature.

Place all samples, in their individual biohazard bags and with associated order forms, into a provided Fedex Clinical Box or other IATA compliant box. It is recommended that you do not place more than 30 samples in each box.

Close the cardboard box and seal carefully.

Return to your FedEx drop-off, or call 1-800-GoFedEx.