

## RESPIRATORY VIRUS SWABS (Including Influenza Testing) Winter 2010

Collect **two** swabs.

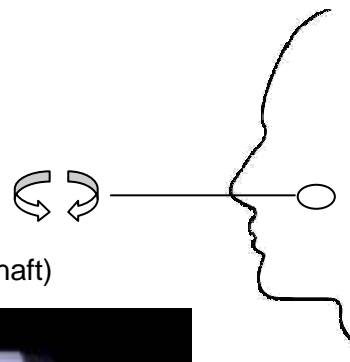
If only one swab is sent, Influenza PCR will not be performed.

For adults, at least one should be a nasopharyngeal swab.

For paediatrics, two low nose swabs (or one nasopharyngeal aspirate where such sampling is possible).

### NASOPHARYNGEAL SWABS

Use a flexible pernasal swab (**without gel**)



**EITHER** “microRheologics” Flocked swab (Orange top with plastic shaft)



**OR** flexible pernasal “COPAN” swab – **without gel** (blue top same as for Bordetella PCR testing)

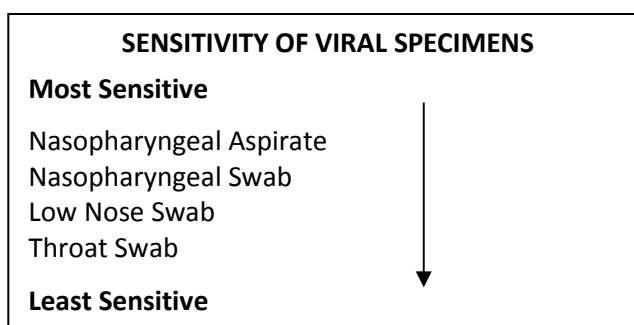
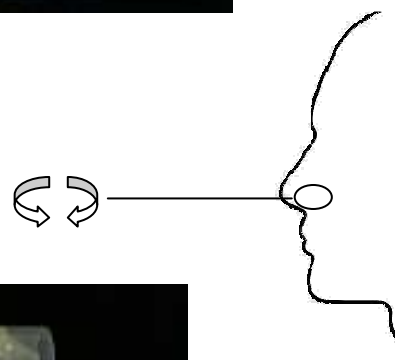
Place swab back into empty tube and discard gel tube.



### LOW NOSE SWABS

Use Green top virus tube, rigid swab.

Place swab into a tube of virus transport medium.



See Waikato DHB website for more information regarding testing criteria for influenza and updates.