## **ASCEND**

# **INSTRUCTIONS: COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2 PCR TESTING**

## **COLLECTION**



Anterior Nares Swab



Remove swab from packaging, taking care not to touch swab tip or lay it down on any surface.



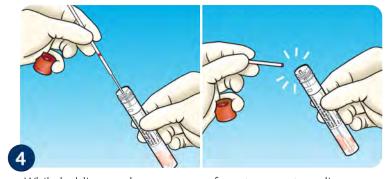
- Insert swab into LEFT nostril.
- Gently push swab until slight resistance is met (½ to ¾" into nostril).



- Rotate swab in a circular motion for 15-30 sec.
- Remove swab from LEFT nostril.
- Repeat steps on **RIGHT** nostril.
- Remove swab when finished.



Universal Transport Media



- While holding swab, remove cap from transport media.
- Insert swab until score line is level with tube opening.
- Break off top of swab at score line.
- Secure cap back onto transport media and apply patient identification label.

### Align towards bottom of tube **LABELING CONFIRM** correct name **CONFIRM** correct collection date 01/21/21 SAMPLE, JOHN Mrn: L489681 L71209493 **CONFIRM** correct tube **CONFIRM** test ordered

#### **SHIPPING**

- Package one patient per bag only.
- Ship in a separate biohazard bag with refrigerated (2-8° C) Ascend specimens.
- For clinics who utilize a local courier, place with your refrigerated Ascend specimens for pickup.
- For clinics who utilize Ascend shipping boxes, ship with your refrigerated Ascend specimens, and place a UN3373 sticker on the Ascend specimen shipping box.
- Due to shortened stability, do not collect on Saturdays.

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at 800.800.5655, Option 1.