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| Nasopharyngeal Swab (left and right areas) | At illness      | NA                   | • Collect only using synthetic tip swabs (ex. Dacron, Nylon, Polyester) with non-wooden shaft. Calcium alginate swabs **must not** be used for obtaining PCR specimens. • Immediately after collection, place swab directly into a sterile 15 ml Falcon tube. | No media needed for transporting swab. | • **Transport device:** Sterile 15ml tube.  
• **Rejection Criteria:** Failure to follow specific S&H requirement. See kit for shipping details (link for kit information on page 2).  
• **Transport:** Ship at ambient temperature if specimens will reach WAPHL within 24 hours of collection. If arriving at WAPHL after 24 hrs of collection, ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs. Ship as Category B.  
• **Storage:** Refrigerate at 2-8°C. |

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General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

• Not refrigerated or frozen properly.
• Did not obtain LHJ approval.
• Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:
Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

• Approval by LHJ.
• Event ID submitted with specimen.
• Type of animal, date of exposure, and name of person exposed.
• Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments

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