



# Current COVID-19 testing kits 10/8/20

**Specimen collection of COVID-19 –  
used to collect nasal pharyngeal (NP)  
or oral pharyngeal (OP) swab**





1. Collect NP specimen
2. Place swab tip into collection tube with liquid media
3. Bend and break the plastic portion to fit in the collection tube
4. Close the cap securely on tube
5. Place into biohazard bag
6. Hand carry specimen to lab ASAP (within 2 hours after collection)



- Ensure plastic or wire is cut or bent short enough so cap can be tightly closed
- If wire or plastic is too long, fluid could leak
  - which may cause inability of lab to perform test
  - AND
  - creates an infection control hazard

**Wire is too long here**





**If scissors are used,  
clean and disinfect  
scissors with purple  
top PDI wipes  
before and after use**

