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Frederick County Health Department

## **Respiratory - Viral Testing Specimen Collection & Return**

**UPDATED: PLEASE READ!**

Please label all specimen containers & complete the lab slips including “Date of Onset”, Outbreak Number, Specimen Source (N or T) and Priority Level C.

Please make sure that all **information on the lab slip and specimen is consistent & legible.**

Make sure containers are closed & the outside is clean.

Please **DO NOT** place specimens on wet ice unless you make sure that they are in a sealed inner bag that will not become wet.

**All need refrigeration after collection.**

**\*\*PLEASE** assure that staff collecting NP swabs are aware of instructions. Swabs must be broken off & left in the media for transport. **ALSO**, please be attentive to type of specimen kit received as some are for throat swabs. The lab slip must reflect that as well. **\*\***

Please put the lab slips in the outside pocket and **NOT** in with the specimen itself.

Return to the Health Department within 48 hours of collection, Monday-Friday, **between 2-4pm.**

Thank you!

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