

**Anterior Nares Specimen Collection Skill Checklist #DAHS-NSCANSC**

Page 1 of 1

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Employee ID#:</b>
<b>Unit:</b>	<b>Title:</b>

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA - Unless otherwise specified all skills will be demonstrated in accordance with the appropriate UC Davis Health Policy and Procedure.

**References:**

1. [Standardized Procedure 55: COVID-19 Testing of Employees and Ambulatory Patients with a Standing Order](#)
2. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Training Document: How to Collect an Anterior Nasal Swab Specimen for COVID-19 Testing](#)
3. [UC Davis Health Policy 11023: Hand Hygiene](#)
4. [UC Davis Health Policy 11025: Standard and Transmission Based Precautions](#)
5. [UC Davis Health Policy 18004: Specimen Labeling for Laboratory Processing](#)
6. [UC Davis Health Policy 2111: Disinfection in Patient Care Areas](#)

	Date Completed	Verifier Initials
Perform hand hygiene, don PPE, identify patient using two patient identifiers, explain procedure to patient		
Assist patient into a neutral relaxed position		
Insert entire swab tip into the nostril—approximately ½ to ¾ inch (1-1.5 centimeters)		
Rotate swab firmly against nasal wall in a circular path at least 4 times, taking about 15 seconds. Collect any drainage that may be present		
Use the same swab to repeat the process in the other nostril		
Place swab, tip first, into the transport tube provided.		
Label specimen, place in biohazard bag on ice, and send to lab		
Doff PPE as needed, perform hand hygiene, and disinfect patient area		

**Signature and Printed Name of Verifier (preceptor or other verified personnel) who have initialed on this form:**

<b>Initials:</b>	<b>Print Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>

**PRECEPTEE STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE:**

I have read and understand the appropriate UC Davis Health Policies/Procedures and/or equipment operations manual, I have demonstrated the ability to perform the verified skills as noted, and I have the knowledge of the resources available to answer questions.

Printed Name	Signature	Date
--------------	-----------	------