Nasal Specimen Collection Protocol

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Insert the same swab into the second nostril and repeat sampling as in the preceding step.

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