

## RESPIRATORY PATHOGENS SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

### MATERIALS PROVIDED

- 1 sterile swab
- 1 molecular transport tube (MTM)
- 1 specimen bag

*To request additional supplies, call Customer Care at 1-800-249-9478*

### SPECIMEN COLLECTION

To ensure safety and validity of the sample, it is important to follow these instructions.

Ensure all proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) measures are taken.

#### Oropharynx Swab for Pharyngitis/Laryngitis test panel

1. Guide the swab tip toward the tonsillar area of the posterior oropharynx.
2. Thoroughly and firmly swab the tonsillar area, posterior oropharynx, as well as any area of abnormal redness, inflammation, white patches, or pus. Avoid touching the tongue, teeth, or gums.
3. Immediately place the swab in the molecular transport tube.
4. Break the swab at the indentation mark and secure cap on the tube.
5. Keep the tube in the upright position for 10 - 15 minutes.

#### Nasopharynx Swab for Respiratory, Respiratory Plus, and Treatable Respiratory Virus test panels

1. Insert the swab into the nose parallel to the palate until resistance is encountered or the distance is equivalent to that from the patient's ear to nostril, indicating contact with the nasopharynx.
2. Thoroughly swab the nasal passage by rotating the swab 5 - 10 times.
3. Immediately place the swab in the collection tube, break the swab at the indentation mark, and secure cap on the tube.
4. Keep the tube in the upright position for 10 - 15 minutes.