

Buccal Swab Collection Instructions

1. The person providing the buccal cell samples should **not** eat, drink, smoke, clean their teeth or use mouthwash 1 hour before sample collection.
2. The person taking the samples should thoroughly wash their hands prior to collecting the sample.
3. Open the OmniSwab packaging at the handle end and carefully remove the swab.
Do not touch the collection pad (soft side) of the swab.

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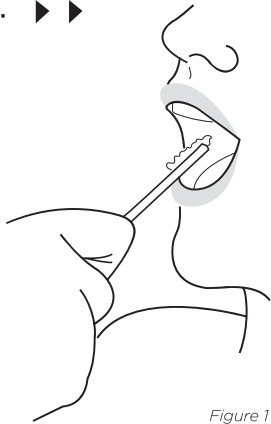
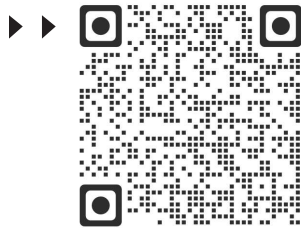


Figure 1

Holding the handle end of the OmniSwab, scrape the collection pad (soft side) firmly against the inside of the cheek 5–6 times (for around 10 seconds). Be careful not to eject the tip. *See Figure 1.*

Scan QR code to view a short video demonstrating the OmniSwab collection method.



5. After taking the sample, eject the tip into the tube labelled “Buccal” (provided) by firmly pressing the plunger at the end of the handle. After ejecting the tip into the lysis tube, dispose of buccal swab handle according to local regulations.
6. Once the buccal sample is in the tube, place the twist top cap on the tube and firmly tighten to close.
7. Label the buccal tube with one of the stickers (provided) with full name (first and last) and date of birth of the patient from whom the buccal sample has been collected.
8. Place the tube inside the plastic biohazard bag and seal the bag.
9. Complete the *Buccal Swab Patient Information Form*. Fold and place in the external pouch of the plastic biohazard specimen bag. Then place specimen biohazard bag into rigid container (provided).
10. Once collected, the buccal sample tube is stable when stored at room temperature or refrigerated (2-8 °C) for several days. However we recommend sending the buccal sample as soon as possible to ensure specimen integrity and to expedite your test results.

Notes:

- To ensure a safe experience during buccal sample collection, follow instructions above.
- If the swab becomes contaminated through touch or contact with an unclean surface do **not** proceed to use the swab for sample collection. Contact us directly to request an additional buccal collection kit.
- If the contents of the tube are spilled prior to or after buccal collection continue with sample collection steps above and add this information to the *Buccal Swab Patient Information Form*.
- The tube provided for buccal collection contains “Cell Lysis Solution” provided by Qiagen GmbH. This cell lysis solution is considered non-hazardous. For more information, visit:
<https://www.qiagen.com/de-us/knowledge-and-support/product-and-technical-support/quality-and-safety-data/sds-search>.