



### INFLUENZA AND RSV TESTING COLLECTION

#### 1. Specimen Collection:

- a. Nasopharyngeal Swab Sample: It is important to obtain as much secretion as possible.
  - i. Using the swab that comes with the UTM (Universal Transport Media), carefully insert the swab in to the nostril.
  - ii. Keep the swab near the septum floor of the nose while gently pushing the swab into the posterior nasopharynx.
  - iii. Rotate the swab several times.
  - iv. With the **same swab** repeat the process on the other side of the nose.

2. Break the swab off in the UTM (Universal Transport Media)

3. **Deliver to the lab immediately. If testing is delayed refrigerate at 2 - 8°**

4. Please note: 1 swab for both nares

Rice Memorial Hospital Stock: NP Swabs were previously in med rooms.

UTM device will now be stocked on the carts (stocked by Material Management).

**The new swab process is also acceptable for the Influenza Surveillance testing for MDH, (one swab/collection is all that is needed).**